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TO PLEDGE SUPPORT

NODAWAY COUNTY READY FOR BIG RED CROSS DRIVE

ALL CAN GIVE TO THIS

Campaign for 6,000 Additional Members Will Begin Monday and Will End on Christmas Eve

In a campaign which will be unparalleled in respect to the size of its objective, the American Red Cross, in the week before Christmas, plans to add 10,000,000 names to its roster. It is expected that on Christmas day, 1917, an army of 15,000,000 will be enrolled under the emblem of the Red Cross in the United States.

The Christmas membership drive was conceived by the War Council as a means toward a great national purpose—to make the membership almost as universal as citizenship. This will be America's first Christmas in the war and it is felt that the people are in the spirit to make it a "Red Cross Christmas."

President Wilson has declared the reasons for the universality of Red Cross membership in the following proclamation to the people of the United States:

"Ten million Americans are invited to join the American Red Cross during the week ending with Christmas Eve. The times require that every branch of our great national effort shall be loyally upheld, and it is peculiarly fitting that at the Christmas season the Red Cross should be the branch through which your willingness to help is expressed.

"You should join the Red Cross because it alone can carry the pledges of Christmas good will to those who are bearing for us the real burdens of the world war, both in our own army and navy, and in the nations in whose territory the issues of the world war are being fought out. Your evidence of faith in this work is necessary for their heartening and cheer."

Nodaway Is Ready.

Red Cross campaign organization work in Nodaway county is going forward in a very satisfactory way. A number of ward and township chairmen have been appointed and have agreed to take charge of the campaign in their respective districts. Others are to be named very soon and it is thought that by Sunday the organization throughout the county will be quite complete.

This is to be a membership campaign. Nodaway county's quota of the ten million drive is 6,000. We ought to get that number before the arrival of Santa Claus Christmas Eve. Organized activities will do the business and a lot of interested people in every part of the county are determined that Nodaway county shall keep her place in the very forefront of war helps and war activities.

SCOUT PICTURE IS CHANGED

Will Be Shown at Christian Church Thursday Night Next, Instead of On Tuesday, as Announced

The feature film, "Knights of the Square Table," announced to show at the Christian church next Tuesday night for the Boy Scouts, has been changed to Thursday night, December 20. The change was made on account of the public recital on the same night by members of the Oratorio society.

The Scouts have made the change voluntarily, although having the date some weeks in advance of the oratorio club. It was learned today that the picture might be had on the later date and the change is announced. The same prices announced will prevail and the tickets already sold will be good on Thursday, December 20. The Scouts promise a program in addition to the picture and it is hoped they will have a capacity house.

TO BE PROMOTIONS

SODAWAY BOYS LIKELY IN LINE FOR ADVANCEMENT

SCORES OF VACANCIES

Many New Officers Are Needed at Camp Funston—Men in Camp Want Privilege of Sunday Movies

Camp Funston, Dec. 14.—There are promotions in store here for officers, including many Missourians. There are scores of vacancies and 75 per cent of them will be filled by the officers here now and the other 25 per cent by new officers.

Nearly 500 officers from the training camps at Fort Snelling and Fort Benjamin Harrison will reach Camp Funston this week to be assigned or attached to various organizations here They will be needed when the organizations are filled to war strength.

There is considerable agitation in the town of Manhattan nearby where the soldiers shall be allowed to visit Sunday movies. The city council has passed an ordinance forbidding the operation of movies on Sunday despite the protests of camp officials. J. J. Marshall, proprietor of a movie-vaudeville show was arrested for violating the ordinance and his case is now before the courts.

A basket ball schedule for the Eighty-ninth Divisional team is taking form and already four games have been scheduled as follows:

Kansas University, Jan. 10; Nebraska Wesleyan College, Jan. 18; Nebraska University, Jan. 19; Henry Kendall College, Jan. 25.

Marriage Licenses.

The following have been issued marriage licenses: Charles W. Morton and Miss Alice Marie Locke, both of Stanberry.

IT'S NOT A CHARITY

RED CROSS WELFARE WORK EMBRACES ANOTHER FIELD

THE NEED INCREASES

Dr. F. R. Anthony, President of the Nodaway Chapter, Says Miss Turner Will Have Plenty to Do

Nodaway county's Red Cross chapter is doing its share of war work and is considered by division headquarters one of the strongest chapters in the state. Dr. F. R. Anthony, president of the Nodaway chapter, called attention today to the great demand being made on the society for supplies, for with winter at hand, there is great need for knitted goods and hospital supplies.

"From now on social service work is going to occupy a large place in the activities of the Red Cross here," said Dr. Anthony this morning, in discussing the work being done by the society. "The need for just such work as Miss Bettie Turner will have charge of," said Dr. Anthony, "will be on the increase with every succeeding month we are at war.

"The social welfare work of the Red Cross has nothing to do with the welfare and charity work being done in our towns and cities," continued Dr. Anthony, "and embraces a very different field. The purpose is to keep the wives and families of soldiers informed of such requirements of army regulations as may be for their best interests. Here's an instance, for example: Very few, I believe, areaware that soldiers will not be able to obtain insurance now furnished by the government after February 10 on the same favorable terms as at present. The plan was a try-out and the order will be rescinded on that date when a different schedule will prevail. It will be the duty of the social welfare worker to inform of all such matters. This insurance feature is being overlooked by thousands of our boys."

Protect from the Unscrupulous.

"Then there are cases where enlistment and draft have interfered with family and business relations. It will be the duty of the worker to offer service in making a readjustment that will be a benefit to the wife, mother or children. To see that dependents are surrounded with such influences, and also employment, if that should be necessary, as will assure them independence and afford them protection fro munscrupulous persons.

"Here's another instance I have in mind where the services of a social worker will be needed: A certain drafted man is seeking divorce before he leaves for France. If entitled to it he should have it promptly; if not, his wife should have his protection and a part of his pay while in the service. The social worker will undertake to develop and bring about a spirit of true manhood and womanhood in families where there promises to be disruptions."

Dr. Anthony said that even now, before thesecond draft had been made, that there were numerous instances in which the trained social welfare worker could be of great benefit and that within a short time Miss Turner who has just completed the Red Cross social welfare course at St. Louis, would enter on her duties in Nodaway county.

New Suits Filed.

The following new suits have been filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court:

United States Rubber Co., vs. W. R. and J. L. Tilson, suit to collect account.

T. E. Klise vs. G. M. and J. E. Hamilton, suit to recover on contract.

George Robb Ellison went to St. Louis Wednesday night to attend a meeting of a sub-committee of the Democratic State Committee.

The Big Scout Picture

"KNIGHTS OF THE SQUARE TABLE"

Will be shown Thursday Night, Dec. 20, instead of Tuesday night, Dec. 18.

At Christian Church. Don't forget the date.

A HEART ATTACK WAS FATAL

John H. Curnutt, Pioneer Resident, Died Suddenly Last Night at His Home on Third Street

John H. Curnutt, one of Maryville's pioneer business men and best known residents, died suddenly last night at his home, 410 East Third street, having succumbed to an attack of heart failure. Members of the immediate family were with him to the end.

Mr. Curnutt was born in Crawfordsville, Lafayette county, Indiana, and came to Maryville in 1874, and has since made his home here. He was for a number of years one of the leading contractors of Maryville and has been identified with the building interests of the county. He was a Civil War veteran, having enlisted in the 132nd Indiana Infantry for the duration of the war. Mr. Curnutt was a member of the A. O. U. W. and K. P. lodges, and was also a member of the G. A. R.

Mr. Curnutt was married in 1865 to Lydia C. Newhard, daughter of Dr. Elias Newhard of Crawfordsville, Ind. He is survived by his wife, one sister, Mrs. Elosia Clifton, one brother, Henry Curnutt of Hutchinson, Kans., and five children, John Z. Curnutt, Mrs. Burr Williams and Miss Bess Curnutt, of Maryville, Mrs. Elmer F. Smith, Barnard, and Mrs. C. D. Robertson of Colorado Springs.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the residence, conducted by Rev. C. Emerson Miller. Burial will be at the Oak Hill cemetery.

GET SERVICE FLAG

FIFTEEN STARS WILL BE ON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BANNER

A GIFT FROM THE GUILD

Will be Unfurled at Simple Presentation Ceremony Sunday Night—A Red Cross Sermon, Too

A service flag with fifteen stars, each star representing a young man from the First Presbyterian congregation who has enlisted for his country's service, will be presented to the church and dedicated Sunday night at the regular church hour.

The flag is the gift of the Westminster Guild, and the soldiers which it honors are Elmer Allen, Clifford C. Coile, Herschel M. Colbert, Fay Miller Corrough, Kenneth Coile, Albert G. Craig, Lemuel Otis Gault, Harvey C. McClary, Ross A. Scott, John Marion Worwag, Robert Harvey Watson, Henry Barton, Curtis O. Lyle, Howard Watson and Horace Gibson.

The pastor, Dr. S. A. Coile, will preach a Red Cross sermon, taking for his subject theme, "Clara Barton—the Angel of the Battlefield." The flag will be unfurled with a simple presentation ceremony in charge of the Guild, and a special musical program will be arranged by Miss Helen Zenor, choir director.

The service will begin at 7.30 o'clock.

COLORED FOLKS IN WAR AID

African Methodist and Zion Baptist Churches Organize Lincoln Red Cross Auxiliary

The Lincoln Red Cross auxiliary, which is composed of members of the African Methodist and Mt. Zion Baptist churches, wa sorganized Wednesday afternoon, with Mrs. E. O. Boone, Jr., captain; Mrs. William Mitchell, treasurer; and Mrs. Henry Wilson, secretary. The other members are Mrs. B. F. Smart, Mrs. J. L. Gooden, Mrs. James Palmer, Mrs. Jim Malcolm, Mrs. John McGeehee, Mrs. Geo. Williams and Mrs. Joe Graves. The meetings will be held each week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kurtz and two sons, John and Frederick, will leave tomorrow for Siloam Springs, Ark., where they expect to spend the winter.

A box and pie social will be held Monday night, December 17 at the Munkers school, near Ravenwood. Miss Myrl Gates is the teacher.

Women of St. Patrick's church will hold Christmas market Saturday, Dec. 15, at Montgomery's Shoe store. Hot coffee and sandwiches served.

GET PAY FOR ROADS

GOOD DIRT HIGHWAYS WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO STATE

GET HARD ROADS LATER

County Court Judges Find Changed Conditions Will Be a Bar at Present to Concrete or Brick

Judges W. M. Blackford, Pleas Schmidt and George Hepburn of the county court, are going to take up in earnest the proposal of the state to build good county roads and by next summer hope to be in position to demand that the state bear an equal share of the expense.

Judges Blackford and Schmidt, together with Judge Hepburn, attended the state convention of county judges in Jefferson City the first of the week where Judge Blackford was elected a member of the executive committee and Judge Schmidt was made secretary, following an interesting two-day's session of officials.

Said Judge Blackford this morning in speaking of the meeting: "We found that the state highway association and the other state officials will not require that we build hard surfaced roads in order to obtain a share of the state money. The first step required is that we build good dirt roads with substantial bridges and culverts, the road to be accepted as designated, and we will receive one-half the expense of building it.

No Cars to Haul Material.

"State officials also told us that they did not favor the building, at present, of concrete or brick roadways for the reason that freight cars were not available to transport material, being used for more urgent purposes during the war. Also in some counties where no material was to be had for concrete or gravel the cost would be too great to get it there.

"Of course," said Judge Blackford, "we believe that eventually hard surfaced roads will be a necessity in most parts of the county, but under present conditions, and with the war going on, it is out of the question. Good dirt roads will be acceptable to the state, and we were told to go ahead and provide them and claim our share of the state money. This is the first step in getting hard surfaced roads, and we are going to take that first step, but we are not going to plan for hard surfaced roads until conditions are such that they can be built."

Judge Schmidt said it was planned to have one of the members of the state highway commission come to Maryville in the near future when a public meeting would be held to discuss road problems.

Maryville was looked on favorably for a meeting of the county judges of the state, and Judge Schmidt secured a partial promise of the convention to hold it here following the next meeting, which will be held in Mexico.

MISS PORTER IS DRAFT CLERK

Was Successful Applicant Before Local Draft Board—Start Mailing Questionnaires Tomorrow

Miss Bess Porter, formerly with the Farmers Trust Company, has been chosen clerk for the local draft board and will take charge of the office in the Wallis building adjoining the Empire theatre tomorrow morning. Miss Porter was one of a number of applicants for the position, which carries with it a substantial salary.

It is expected that the board will be ready to begin mailing the questionnaires tomorrow to every registrant in the county. Ninety-five will be mailed each day unitl the list of names has been exhautsed. All who have been previously exempted will be required to return answers and to take the examinations over again.

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ARREST HALIFAX SUSPECTS

Men Detained by Police Had Large Sum of Money and Maps of Halifax and Important Papers

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Halifax, Dec. 14.—Two men are under arrest today pending an official investigation of the explosion costing nearly 1,300 lives and damages of $20,000,000. One is John Johansen, a helmsman on the Norwegian steamship Imo, who is detained as a German spy. The other is Henry French, another German suspect. They were arrested upon their arrival from Boston, and had possession of a large sum of money. Maps of Halifax and what the police declare were important papers were found on the men.

WAS A RECORD YEAR

THE STANDARD P.-C. ASSOCIATION PROSPEROUS AND GROWING

ANNUAL MEETING JAN. 9

Banquet for the Visitors on the Evening of January 8 at the Bainum Hotel

The annual meeting of the Standard Poland-China Record Association will be held in their building in this city on Wednesday, January 9. A president of the association, a vice-president from each state represented, and three members of the Board of Directors for the term of three years will be elected. The term of W. B. Gex of Graham, a member of the board, will expire at this meeting.

On Tuesday evening, January 8, a banquet will be given the hog breeders by the Commercial Club at the Bainum Hotel. The program for the banquet has not been arranged in full, but some of the speakers will be Walter W. Head of Omaha, Col. J. Zack Wells of Kansas City, Col. Lester R. Hamilton of Clarksdale, Mo., Sam McKelvie of Fairfield, Nebr., and others. Music will be given during the dinner and there will also be some singing.

The menu for the banquet was announced today and is as follows: Oyster soup, celery, salted crackers, roast beef, brown gravy, baked chicken and dressing, mashed potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, peach ice, fruit salad, ice cream, assorted cakes, coffee, cigars.

The year 1917 has been a very prosperous one for the association. The books of the association do not close until December 22, but more business has been done this year than in any former year. The general receipts of the association will run from $3,000 to $4,000 more than any previous year. Last year there were seventy-nine shares of stock sold. So far this year 150 shares have been sold and it will probably reach 610 by the close of the year's business.

A large attendance is not expected at this year's meeting, as there seems to be no fight on.

Robbed and Thrown Over Cliff.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Kansas City, Dec. 14. — Almost frozen to death and semi-couscious as a result of having been beaten, J. L. Potter, a wealthy hotel man of Chickasha, Okla., was found in a snowdrift at the bottom of a seventy-five foot cliff where he had been thrown by robbers last night. He is not expected to recover.

ARMY PROBE TO SINK DEEP INTO BUNGLE

INCOMPETENT OFFICIALS MUST BE REMOVED IS SLOGAN AT THE CAPITAL

NEAR YEAR OF WAR AND NO MACHINE GUNS YET

Brigadier General Crozier Tells Investigating Committee That Soldiers Are Training With Wooden Guns at Great Waste of Time

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, Dec. 14.—"Incompetent officials must be removed from office," was the slogan in the capital today, senators and representatives being united in the declaration regardless of party affiliations. There was a general disposition on the part of the leaders who are making the various investigations, to make the probes now in progress the most thorough that can be made.

Washington, Dec. 14.—No machine guns—and the United States has been at war eight months. That, in brief, is the scandal developed by the senate military affairs committee's investigation of the situation in the ordnance bureau of the war department. It was brough tout when Brigadier General Crozier, head of the bureau, was closely questioned.

And forty thousand machine guns are needed by the American fighting forces now being trained before they will be able to cope with the foe in France. The Germans have plenty of machine guns. They are the main reliance of the Prussians in their defense against the Allies' hammering on the western front.

Forgot War's Lessons?

It is hard to believe that some of the early lessons of the war have been forgotten—the lessons of Loos, Neuve Chapelle and teh Champagne, when thousands of British and French troops went to slaughter because the Germans had more machine guns and more big guns of every caliber. Yet, from the disclosures made today, it would seem that the ordnance bureau made no preparations for equipment on th evast scale required in modern war.

General Crozier declared that through the fact that France and Britain have a surplus production of guns, large and small, the American forces will not lack those essentials when they get to Europe. But in the meantime, at home, the thousands of soldiers are being trained with "simulated" guns. And much time will be wasted because the men will have to become familiar with the mechanism of new weapons when they reach the front.

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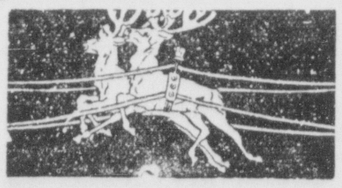

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JUDGE ED BIRD TO WED

Former Quitman Boy is Now Circuit Court Judge at Kansas City

Judge Daniel E. Bird, better known to his many friends in Nodaway county as just plain "Ed," will soon become a benedict, according to the following news article in the Kansas City Times:

"Division No. 8 of the circuit court will not be in session for two weeks following December 22. On that date Judge Daniel E. Bird will marry Miss Mabel C. Kincart, 4037 Woodland Avenue. His marriage leaves Judge Clarence A. Burney the only bachelor on the circuit bench."

Judge Bird was a Quitman boy, having grown to manhood there. He has practiced law in Kansas City for a number of years and is at present judge of the circuit court there.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

IN BETTER FILMS MOVEMENT

Christian Church Committee Hopes to Increase Interest in Good Films for Young Folks

The Better Films committee of the Christian church of this city, of which the Rev. C. Emerson Miller is chairman, has affiliated with the Affiliated Committee for Better Films of New York City, with the object of working for better motion pictures. This organization is made up of committees representing many communities and welfare organizations scattered throughout the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific.. Owing to its close connection with the National Committee for Better Films (affiliated with the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures), it is in a position to be of great service to those participating in the better films movement.. Other members of the local committee are G. H. Westfall, W. A. Miller and A. M. Crooke.

For some time progressive men and women in different parts of the country have recognized that the motion picture presents a situation which affects parents. They have decided that the best method of meeting the situation is that of special performances of selected films for young people. In the motion picture they have recognized a legitimate form of entertainment having great value as a recreation and as an instructional force.. Experience in making such performances successful, however, has been lacking except in a few cases. In these cases success has usually been due primarily to the wisdom and persistence of a few women who understood the desires of children, and attempted to meet these with entertaining, amusing, thrilling and inspiring dramatic films.

This movement for the use of selected films has become known as the Better Films Movement. In order to organize it, some months ago the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures formed the National Committee for Better Films. Through the presentation of addresses in different parts of the country and the preparation of literature and lists of selected films which would be of help to those who are undertaking to meet the situation in their own communities, this committee has been stimulating the development of the movement.

The vast majority of those working toward the exhibition of selected films feel that the plan is particularly adapted to special performances especially in the neighborhood houses, for the family group. Some communities have already taken up this idea and are working it out. That the motion picture theatre is a social influence is recognized. The head of the household who takes his family to the motion picture theatre can do so at a cost no more than that of spending the evening in the saloon and feels better fit the next morning. It is of tremendous value to the country that there is a kind of entertainment which costs little, open to those who are obliged to dwell in uninviting and crowded shelters. Miss Mary Gray Peck, formerly of the Motion Picture Survey Committee of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, has said that the motion picture will save the country from revolution because it gives the tired worker and those dependent upon him an opportunity to step out for a little while into another world.. Their minds in their moments of respite from toil are thus given an opportunity for recreation and for forgetting the miseries of existence.. The motion picture is the first great art which has been brought to the door of the working man. The other arts have been confined in their ministration to certain social groups.

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Baby Pin Sets 50c to $2.00.
Bib Holders $1.00 to $1.50.
Bracelets 50c to $2.00.
Handy Pins 25c to 75c.

Gifts for Women
Lockets and Chains $1.00 to $3.50.
Jet Bead Necklaces 25c to $2.50.
Lingerie Sets 25c to $2.00.
Bracelets 50c to $4.50.
Brooches 25c to $2.75.
Hat Pins 10c to 50c.

For Men and Boys
Link Cuff Button 25c to $1.75.
Waldermar Chains $1.00 and up.
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North Side Market.

A JOB FOR AN AMERICAN DENTIST.

—Seibel in Albany Knickerbocker Press.

Dance at Elks.

A party of Maryville young folks chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bovard and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Collins enjoyed a dance Wednesday night at the Elks Club rooms. Those present were: Misses Theo Griffith of Chicago, Marjorie Wilfley, Mary Wooldridge, Georgia Evans, Anna Parle, Grace Parle, Ruth Montgomery, Vera Braden, Rae Woodward, Katherine Carpenter, and Ora Barmann; Frank and Ed Schumacher, Clarence Vogt, Marcus Nielsen, Paul Basford, Harry Jenks, Dennis Collins, Ernest Brock of Stanberry, Eugene Yehle and Walter Scott.

Important Notice to All Members of the Red Cross, and to All Workers in the Christmas Membership Campaign

The Secretary of Nodaway County Chapter received today from the Manager of Red Cross Campaign in Missouri, a letter regarding memberships, the jist of whilch is as follows:

The American Red Cross now has Five Million members, who became members under the old peace plan of the Red Cross, and under that plan, all memberships less than Life memberships, expired one year after the date of the subscription.

This plan with a limited membership in peace times worked all right, but when the war came on the membership increased with leaps and bounds, and the task of keeping track of the memberships has beome heavy, and almost impossible with memberships expiring every day in the year.

Therefore, National Headquarters desires to have all memberships less than Life, expire at one and the same date, that is on the last day of each year, and thus save a vast amount of clerical work and expense.

In trying to gain this end, it has been ruled that all memberships taken out since September 1, 1917, will be continued without renewal till December 31, 1918.

And it is hoped that all persons whose membership was taken out before September 1, 1917, will during this Christmas Membership Campaign renew their membership by taking out a $1.00 or $2.00 membership, which will run till December 31, 1918, and if they will do so it will at once accomplish the desired end of having all memberships expire at same date.

Let it be understood, however, that if your membership was taken out before September 1, and you do not feel able to renew it now, you will be carried as a member just the same, till one year from the date of your membership.

None of this applies to Life and Patron Members, as their memberships continue for life.

NOTICE TO SOLICITORS IN CHRISTMAS DRIVE.

All workers please clip out this ad, and study it till they are familiar with its instructions, also please carry it with you during your canvas.

And please be careful, whenever you take a membership, which you ar einformed is a renewal, write the word renewal on the receipt you hand the party, and be sure the carbon paper is in place, so that the word "renewal" will appear on the pasteboard card which you retain and return to this office, as this will save a lot of clerical work in the office.

F. P. ROBINSON, Manager
Christmas Membership Drive.

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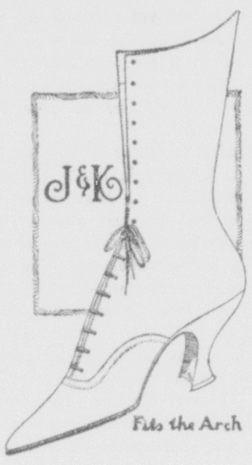

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—OVERSHOES
—RUBBERS

For Boys—
—SHOES
—OVERSHOES
—LEGGINS

For Girls—
—SHOES
—SLIPPERS
—LEGGINS

Montgomery Shoe Co
THE FAMILY SHOE STORE

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LOOK LISTEN at BECKER'S BARGAINS

On and After December 10 Our Prices as Follows

Men's suits, cleaned and pressed.....$1.00
Ladies' suits, cleaned and pressed (plain).....$1.00
Men's suits sponged and pressed.....50c
Ladies' suits, sponged and pressed (plain).....50c

Repairing done by experienced tailors only.

We are no farther away from you than your telephone—402. Ladies' Tailoring in Connection.

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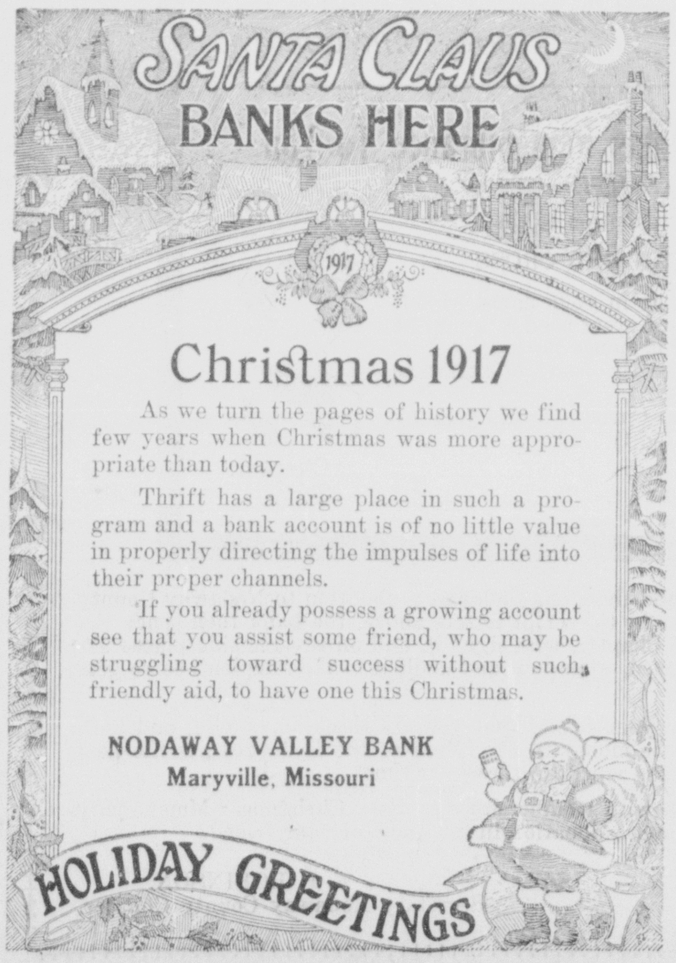
A trial will speak for itself.


SANTA CLAUS
BANKS HERE
1917
Christmas 1917
As we turn the pages of history we find few years when Christmas was more appropriate than today.
Thrift has a large place in such a program and a bank account is of no little value in properly directing the impulses of life into their proper channels.
If you already possess a growing account see that you assist some friend, who may be struggling toward success without such a friendly aid, to have one this Christmas.
NODAWAY VALLEY BANK
Maryville, Missouri
HOLIDAY GREETINGS

A Christmas Burglar

AHA! A burglar in the room!
I hear his stealthy tread;
He's slinking somewhere through the gloom
By yonder trundle bed.
Across the creaking chamber floor
His fearful footsteps fall.
What form was that stole through the door
And out along the hall?

What form was that, clad all in white
And scarcely three feet high?
A burglar? Or some Christmas sprite
With mischief in his eye?
What! You! Abroad before the day
Has lit his round, red lamp?
What takes you from your slumbers, pray,
You little, owlish scamp?

You came away down here because
You really felt that you
Must wait for Mr. Santa Claus
And see if he was true?
You braved the darkness, unafraid
And all its terrors grim,
And this long, dreadful journey made
To prove your faith in him?

Well, back to bed, for he IS true;
Your precious faith hold fast.
Old Santa Claus will live for you
While dreams and childhood last.
And when at length you take your place
Among the world of men,
In every little Christmas face
He'll live for you again.
—*James J. Montague in New York American.*

MR. TROUBLE

Old Man Trouble come a-limpin' down de lane
He talk about de sunshine an' he talk about de rain.
De sunshine it is certain to perduce an awful drouth;
An' de rain will bring a freshet if de wind is from de south.

Old Man Trouble saw de flow'rs a-bloomin' gay.
He said, "Dey's nuffin' only weeds dat can't be cleared away!
Your hopes is muchly like 'em as so handsomely dey smile,
An' fade away like friendships in a very little while."

Old Man Trouble spoils de sunshine an' de show'r.
And everything dat blossoms is a weed an' not a flow'r.
Old Man Trouble, you kin travel on yoh way.
I ain't a-gineter listen to a thing you has to say.

—Washington Evening Star.

WHY THE NAVY IS *THE* PLACE FOR *YOUR* BOY.

Here are 10 reasons why service in the Navy ought to appeal to the young men of 18 to 25 years:

1. It enrolls only men of honorable personal character and splendid physical condition.
2. It does not take its men away from comfortable living quarters, from certain and regular shelter and food and out of reach of good medical attention.
3. It offers easy and rapid advancement, with a constantly increasing scale of pay and an assurance of protection in the case of physical disability, and provides for retirement pay when age makes active service no longer desirable.
4. It offers exceptional opportunities for recreation, both afloat and ashore, with facilities for athletics.
5. It provides schools both for classical and technical education, teaching many trades and offering extra pay for men who qualify for special service in these trades.
6. It offers to enlisted men of one year's service by the time they have reached 20 an opportunity to enter the Annapolis Naval Academy through competitive examinations and these men enter on exactly the same basis as those appointed by members of Congress from civilian life.
7. It provides long cruises to all parts of the world and it alternates time afloat and time ashore sufficiently to prevent the life from becoming monotonous.
8. It prepares a man to take care of himself in any walk of life and inculcates in him a spirit of independence and self-reliance that make his future secure.
9. In wartime it is fully as safe if not safer than land service and its percentage of losses in actual battle are low enough to compare favorably with those of ordinary peace-time industries.
10. At this particular time it offers the individual an opportunity to render a service to his country without which all our most carefully worked out campaign plans would be bound to fail.

TRAINS RECRUITS FOR WAR

Great Lakes School Turning Out High-Class Specialists by Thousands.

Fifteen thousand youths are in training at the Great Lakes naval training station, in nine instruction schools. The daily classes are attended by 5,000 men. The length of the courses varies and many bright students qualify in a fraction of the allotted time.

To the student "rookie" one of the most attractive branches is the radio school. Two towers, 400 feet high, with power to receive and transmit messages as far as the Panama Canal, enable the students to get practical experience in wireless telegraphy. Three hundred students are graduated every three months in radio.

One thousand students are attending classes in the hospital school, learning to care for the sick and wounded. Many of the students are university graduates and several are registered physicians. In the medical branch instruction is given in pharmacy, botany, bacteriology, anatomy and first aid to the injured. It is planned to graduate 2,500 students a year.

Another interesting department of the big training depot is the gunnery school. Youths who show aptitude for this highly essential arm of the service are entered for a two months' training course. Before they are rated and sent to sea they must be able to take apart and replace guns of every caliber used in the fleet.

Uncle Sam will be furnished 1,200 quartermasters each 12 months by the Great Lakes station. There is no connection between a quartermaster in the navy and a man of the same title in the army. The navy man has charge of the steering of the ship and also of signals. This course lasts eight months.

Before July 1 next year 1,900 coxswains will have been graduated from the school for the petty officers in charge of small boats. The coxswains' school also gives advanced courses in artillery, signaling, deck and marlinspike seamanship.

As everything depends upon the proficiency, vision and speed of the men who signal in the navy, only exceptionally apt students can qualify for this branch. They are hand-picked by their company commanders and 200 signalmen are sent to sea every two months.

Paul Jones, Decatur and Dewey helped make America safe for democracy. Their fame will never die. Why not add your name to the list of YOUR country's naval heroes? JOIN THE NAVY NOW. Ask your postmaster. He knows.

Your Navy needs you now. Ask your postmaster. He knows.

Hang Up a Jar Instead of A Stocking

NO LITTLE Mexican boy or girl ever thinks of hanging up a stocking. They have something far more interesting. Three or four days before Christmas stands spring up about the alameda, or open park, without which no Mexican village is complete. All about these shops are hung the pinatas, which take the place of Christmas stockings. These are apparently great dolls 2 or 3 feet tall, dressed in tissue paper, with papier mache faces and dangling legs and arms. In reality their flowing paper garments conceal earthen jars for the holding of candies.

Sometimes the pinatas are in the form of angels or fairies, but usually they represent some person prominent in Mexico. President and Mrs. Diaz used to smile from every stand. The Mexican child may live in a hut built of flat stones piled together in a public lot, but he has his pinata at Christmas time.

In the better homes the pinatas are strung on a rope across a room. They are already heavy with their load of dulces, or candies, and they dangle somewhat dangerously over the heads of the beholders. Finally, the tallest man is blindfolded, given a stout cane and turned round and round. Leaping up, he strikes at the suspended figures. Amid shrieks of laughter and directions he keeps striking until he hits one of the jars. "Crack!" go its sides, and, being made only of baked clay, they crumble away and the sweets come pouring out. Nobody is too dignified to scramble for them. The older people are on their knees with the children. Everybody gets at least a mouthful. Then another is blindfolded, turned about and told to strike for another sugary deluge.—L. Crozer in McCall's Magazine.

What Others Like to Eat at Christmastide

SPAIN loves her turkeys. Nor does she find it necessary to run them to death on the farms in order to make their meat tender, for the fowls are driven into town from long distances, and their feet are tarred to withstand the hardness of the roads. For three days before Noche Buena the streets of the cities and villages are thick with squawking poultry and bleating lambs and kids that are destined for the slaughter.

Cuba fattens up her turkeys on walnuts to make their flesh more toothsome. Mexico grinds the cooked turkey to a paste, which is mixed with chili, raisins, currants, wine and a few other ingredients into what is called mole de guajalote. France, too, although she shows her partiality for turkeys by cramming them with truffles, coquettes with her Christmas menu. Now she throws her scarf to blood red sausage, fat and juicy; now to stewed hare with unfermented wine; again to pheasants, to hazen hens, to heath cocks.

In Brittany the home cured ham gives savor to the rye bread and to the chocolate porridge, especially dedicated to Noel. In Cuba baked hams, preciously boiled in champagne and well sugared, vie for favor with a Spanish piece de resistance called "Mors and Christians," in reminiscence of a page in Spanish history, and made of black beans and rice.

In southern Italy eels, curled round with tail in mouth, defy time on the Christmas board by the emblem of eternity. In the smaller Italian cities on the day before Christmas the air is shrill and cries of kids being brought to market in panniers swung from donkey backs. Chickens, pigeons, tripe, boiling hot, are other dainties appropriate to the season, as well as turkeys, geese and calf's head.

German and Scandinavian countries are noted for the bounty of their Christmas cheer. In rural neighborhoods the tables are spread from Christmas to Epiphany. England, too, offers wide and varied hospitality. In Warwickshire, for instance, they serve roast crab apples with chine of pork and elder wine. Yorkshire has its frumenty, its Yule cakes and plum pudding. Scotland boasts one dish all her own—haddock, stuffed with oatmeal and onions—Chicago Tribune.

Not Until "Next Christmas."

It was said the other day by an old southerner in Washington that no home loving Virginian ever would move "until after the next Christmas." The next Christmas comes and goes, but there is still another to come, and the moving is put off and happily will be put off until the holiday spirit has gone from the South, a spirit that will go when the South goes.—New York Evening Post.

How Much Would You Pay?

For something you know is absolutely first-class—for meats you know are the highest quality, handled in the most cleanly and sanitary manner?

Can you really afford to buy 'cheap'' food? You take no chance in buying at our market.

OUR PRICES ARE AS LOW AS OUR QUALITY PERMITS.

Reimer's Market
410 North Main.

WE WILL ACCEPT

Liberty Bonds

at their face value in payment on

Player-Pianos Pianos or Victrolas

Come in and select your Christmas Piano or Victrola now. We deliver any time that suits you.

Landon Music Co.

Christmas Candies

Our stock of Christmas Candies and Chocolates has just arrived. Three well known brands here now—

HOLLY BRAND
DOUGLAS
DAVIDSON BROS.

In ½-lb., 1-lb. and 2-lb. boxes.
55c to $2.00 a Box

Bulk Chocolates
60c lb. up

Mixed Candies
25c lb. up

Send your soldier friends a package for Christmas. Place your order now.

EDWARDS'
412 North Main Street

Candies *for* Christmas

See our line of Fresh Candies, and note the attractive prices we are offering them for.

D. E. HOTCHKIN
111 West Third Street

BANK ROBBERS GOT $46.000

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Every available detective and policeman in Chicago today is searching for the five youthful bandits who held up and robbed the Lagrange State bank yesterday. A careful audit of the bank's books show that the bandits obtained $46,-730.00, the largest loot ever obtained from a bank in the middle west. So far there has been no clue as to the whereabouts of the men.

HUNS KILL AMERICAN FLIER

Paris, Dec. 14.—Lieut. Benj. Walcott of Washington, D. C., is believed to have been killed in his first flight Tuesday, according to a message from the front received today. The information stated that Walcott was successful in an encounter with a German adversary and was returning to the lines when he was attacked by three German machines. Walcott's airplane was seen to drop, but nothing further is said of finding the body. Walcott was a son of the secretary of the Smithsonian Institute at Washington.

UNAFRAID OF THE FUTURE

Rome, Dec. 14.—Unshaken by feats of ability, the Italian forces hold the Austro-German forces in cheek in their drive along the Piave, was voiced today by Premier Orlando in a frank discussion of the military situation. Although he admitted that the economy situation was not as pleasant as it might be, the financial and economical condition was excellent. The premier confidently believes that liberty and justice will finally triumph and that Italy looks ahead unafraid to the future.

ALL HOPE FOR RUSSIA GONE

Copenhagen, Dec. 14.—Whether the Bolsheviki forces or those controlled by Generals Korniloff and Kaledines were victorious in the recent battle near Belgorod is still in doubt today. Contradictory reports from Petrograd indicated neither faction had gained the upperhand and a decisive battle is imminent. Both Bolsheviki and Kaledines forces claim victory in the most recent fighting.

All hope that Russia might work out their destiny in an amicable fashion was dissipated with today's Petrograd reports that a scheme for holding a constitutional assembly had collapsed and that the nation was facing a protracted civil war.

DEATH OF FORMER RESIDENT

E. A. Rowley, Thirty-Five Years Deacon in the Baptist Church, Died of Heart Failure

The following letter to the Democrat-Forum advises of the death in California of a former well known resident of this city.

Los Angeles, Calif.,
Dec. 9, 1917.

Democrat-Forum—

I beg to advise that Deacon E. A Rowley passed away at his home a 2379 West 22nd street, Los Angeles Calif., on Saturday, December 8, o heart failure. His son, Frank Rowley and wife were present at his side t the last, as was also his niece, Miss Edna Connor. Mrs. D. W. Hull, daughter, lives in Oklahoma. Mrs. Connor will go to live with Frank Rowley. Burial Tuesday, December 11, Englewood, Calif.

Yours truly,
F. H. ROWLEY.
346 South Reno Street.

E. A. Rowley, formerly a resident of Maryville, is the uncle of Burt Rowley of the Real Estate bank and was one of the charter members of the Baptist church, and for thirty-five years was one of its deacons. He removed to California about twelve years ago.

DIED AT SILOAM SPRINGS

George Hempstead, Formerly in Business Here, Succumbs to Apoplexy

Word was received here today of the death at Siloam Springs, Ark., of George Hempstead, formerly a resident of Maryville and a member of the bakery and grocery firm of Andrews & Hempstead, who were in business on the north side of the square. Death was due to apoplexy. Mr. Hempstead is survived by his wife and son, Kay Hempstead. The family removed to Siloam Springs from Maryville last spring.

Plenty of Sugar, Says Spreckles.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The food administration was charged with the direct responsibility fo rthe scarcity of sugar by Claud Spreckles, president of the Federal Sugar company, who testified today before the senate manufacturers sub-committee. Mr. Spreckles insisted that supplies of sugar in the country were larger than eve rbefore and that at no time had there ever been any shortage.

SIFTING OUT THE SLACKERS

Hospital Assistant, Threatening to Cook Alive One Patient to Obtain Grease, Reduces Sick Call.

Stories of how to outwit impostors who report sick in order to loaf in hospitals are among the oldest traditions of the medical branches of all airies, says a writer in a medical journal. A fourteenth-century collection of anecdotes shows that the malignerer was known in those days and Cardinal de Bari, who had a hospital at Vercell, found its resources were being exhausted by men of this type. He sent one of his subordinates to investigate. This man, Petrillo by name, who was something of a humorist, dressed himself in the robes of a physician and assembled all the patients for an examination of their wounds. Then he gravely said: "There is clearly but one remedy needed for the cure of ulcers of this character, and that is an ointment made of human grease. This very day I intend, in consequence, to draw by lot one from among you, who will be plunged alive into boiling water and cooked for the salvation of all." Seized by fear, all the patients made haste to report themselves fully recovered from their ulcers, and consequently there was room in the hospital for those who really needed care.

Physicians today, by the use of similar ruses, have discovered many "hospital slackers."

FISHING A MECHANICAL ART

Outfit Consists of Net, Rope and Pulley—All Operator Need Do Is to Turn Crank.

Most operations nowadays can be performed by machinery. Time was when the best sport in angling was obtained by the use of a rope, with patience at one end and a suitable bait at the other. The Wide World Magazine gives a revised edition of this plan. Here it is in all its simplicity:

You hang an immense four-cornered net on a rope which passes over a pulley, turn a handle, and drop the net into the sea. After a time, which may vary according to the mood you are in and the quality of the tobacco you are smoking, you wind up the net and look into it. If it is empty, you let the handle go a few turns, and drop the net into the sea again; if it contains any fish you draw it and bag them. In this way you reduce fishing to a mechanical art. When you haul up this huge net from the briny deep and find by the aid of a telescope that it contains one tiny, solitary fish—as was our case—after many unsuccessful "casts," you rejoice with joy unspeakable and call in your neighbors to the feast.

The King's Beard.

An interesting story is told in connection with the Swedish actor, Ferrasi, who was called upon to take the part of Oscar I in a play under that name at Stockholm, Sweden. The actor was ordered by the director of the opera to make up with a full beard, but during one of the intermissions he hunted up the director and told him that Oscar I never wore such a beard. "What kind of a beard did he have, then?"

To this Ferrasi replied, "Mustache and goatee, like Napoleon III."

"How do you know that?"

The conclusive reply was offered, "From my postage-stamp collection."

The change was made and at the second performance the public noticed with astonishment how King Oscar had altered the cut of his beard. To stamp collectors it is hardly necessary to point out that Mr. Ferrasi secured his information by looking up the issue of Norway, 1856-7.—Christian Science Monitor.

Farming in France.

The French government has undertaken to supply the depleted ranks of the farmers and to give assistance to the amateur farmer by means of a correspondence course, which has been eagerly received. The pupil receives instructions as to a course of reading, the management of a small experiment plot, the carrying out of simple experiments, visits to neighboring farms, etc. The Union of Agricultural Syndicates, which has assumed charge of this work for the government, has appointed a number of "conitors" to supervise the work of pupils in their several neighborhoods. The pupils prepare monthly examination papers and render monthly reports on their work.

Dog on Operating Table.

Mack, a bulldog owned by Mrs. Charles Wright, teacher at the Rulo school, says a Walla Walla (Wash.) exchange, got so many porcupine quills in its mouth and throat during a fight with that animal that it had to be chloroformed and hundreds of quills were taken out with pincers. The dog was protecting chickens owned by its mistress. Mack has successfully fought off badgers, snakes and coyotes which have sought to steal the chickens, and when the porcupine appeared it charged it. Even with its mouth filled with quills it continued the attack.

Win Victoria Crosses.

Since the Victoria Cross was first instituted, sixty-odd years ago, as a reward for conspicuous valor in the Crimea, the bestowals have not amounted to a thousand. Five hundred and twenty-two was the number of the recipients before the beginning of the present war, and during the last three years 317 men have won the most coveted of all decorations.

SUFFRAGE IS SURE

WOMEN TELL CONGRESS VOTE IS INEVITABLE

WOMAN'S HOUR STRIKES

In Address Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt Warned Political Parties Not to Postpone Prompt Action

Washington, Dec. 14.—Woman suffrage is inevitable, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage association, told the delegates of that organization in convention here in an "address to the Congress of the United States." Mrs. Catt said that woman suffrage became an assured fact when the Declaration of Independence was written. Mrs. Catt warned political parties that to postpone action further they would challenge the inevitable, and that when suffrage for women finally comes the sincerity of political parties and politicians will be doubted and their appeals to the new voters would be met with suspicion.

"There is one thing mightier than kings and armies," quoted Mrs. Catt, "aye, than congresses and political parties—the power of an idea when its time has come to move." The time for woman suffrage has come.

The woman's hour has struck If parties prefer to postpone action longer and thus do battle with this idea, they challenge the inevitable. The idea will not perish; the party which opposed it may. Every delay, every trick, every political dishonesty from now on will antagonize the women of the land more and more, and when the party of parties which have so delayed woman suffrage finally let it come, their sincerity will be doubted and their appeal to the new voters will be met with suspicion. This is the psychology of the situation. Can you afford the risk? Think it over.

"Some of you have been too indifferent to give more than casual attention to this question. It is worthy of your immediate consideration — a question big enough to engage the attention of our Allies in wartime is too big a question for you to neglect.

"We know you will meet opposition. There are female dolls and male dandies. But the world does not wait for such as these, nor does Liberty pause to heed the plaint of men and women with a grouch. She does not wait for those who have a special interest to serve, nor a selfish reason for depriving other people of freedom. Holding her torch aloft, Liberty is pointing the way onward and upward and saying to America, 'Come!'"

Death of Infant.

The nine-months-old baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Powers of Parnell died last night after a short illness of pneumonia. Funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Oxford church and the burial will be in the Oxford cemetery.

Attention

Road Drag Contractors

Any contractor who has dragged any portion of a county seat road must repot the same on or before December 29, 1917, as our final report to the State Highway Board will be made at that date. Anyone neglecting to report on or before that date will lose his fees, for the state only pays for work reported by the County Highway Board and the state books are closed January 10, 1918.

GEORGE S. MILLER,
Chairman Highway Board.

Matters You Have Not Realized

Has it ever occurred to you how the growth of the Maryville Electric Light & Power Company has helped Maryville? Not only has it made Maryville the distributing center for power for the greater part of Nodaway county, but our increased business has caused an increase in our payroll from about $400.00 per month in 1908 to but little less than $1,500.00 per month now. This only includes our regular force and does not consider the extra men we are continually using in our construction work, men employed by firms here who do work for us, as carpenters, coal haulers and so on.

As a matter of fact, the layman is prone to think that the money paid in to us for current stays in our coffers, when the truth is that, especially during the present crisis, the money is paid out as quickly as we receive it, and a great proportion right here in Maryville. We receive our income from our customers in cents and dollars and pay this money out by hundreds and thousands.

By prompt payment of your account you can materially reduce our bookkeeping expense, as an account carried over from one month to the next, no matter how small the amount, puts extra work on this department. By paying us this money promptly comes into circulation and you have an equal chance to get it back into your possession.

Maryville Electric Light and Power Company
Empire Theatre Building
Maryville, Mo.

CAN THEY TAKE IT?

DEFENSE COUNCIL ASKS STATUS OF ALIEN ENEMY LAND

LISTS FROM TAX BOOKS

Fred Smith, Polk Township Assessor, Has Not Received Request Yet—Foreigners Are Land Holders

The Missouri Council of Defense has asked all the assessors and tax collectors in the state to furnish a list of alien enemy land owners, and has requested an opinion from the attorney general as to the right of enemy aliens to hold land in the state. The attorney general has also been asked to define what utterances are treasonable against the government.

Fred Smith, tax collector for Polk township has not yet received the request, but states that he has a number of foreigners on his lists ofproperty holders. Whether or not they are in the alien enemy class, he does not know.

The Council is acting on the suggestion of E. H. Bullock, Land Reclamation Commissioner of Missouri in locating property of enemy aliens. Bullock recently cited a state statute under which he contended the state had a right to seize the property of alien enemies and turn it into the state school fund.

McAllister was asked for an opinion as to how far the council can go in regard to property of aliens. He said he believed the courts would hesitate in ordering the confiscation of such property.

The war conference of the council will be held in Columbia next Monday and Tuesday and probably will recommend the life teaching certificate of F. W. Lind, rural school teacher near Brookfield, Mo., be revoked on grounds of disloyalty.

FILE LONG PETITION.

Arkoe Drainage District Will Incorporate with Court's Permission.

Articles of association and petition for incorporation have been filed for the Arkoe drainage district land owners in the office of the circuit clerk. The petition will be heard at the January term of court. In the petition each tract of land affected by the drainage ditch is described in detail, making one of the longest legal documents that has ever been filed in the local court. Fred Harvey is attorney for the petitioners.

Bainum Hotel

Sunday, December 16

Vegetable Soup
Celery Salted Crackers

Fried Chicken—Cream Gravy
Roast Pork with Dressing

Sweet Potatoes, Southern Style
Mashed Potatoes Sweet Corn
Pineapple Cheese Salad
Peach Ice

Butter Scotch Pie Raisin Pie
Coffee Tea Milk

After church bring you family and eat our real home cooking as prepared by an expert chef.

WE STRIVE TO PLEASE.

A Plan by Which You Can Send Your Friends a Christmas Remembrance and at the Time Help the Red Cross.

At this, our first War Christmas, many people are asking themselves is it right that I should send my friends their usual Christmas present? Would it not be better to give the money so spent to the Red Cross?

The Red Cross has a plan that solves your problem for you a plan by which you may send your friend a remembrance, and at the same time the money spent by you for it goes to the Red Cross for the use of your local Nodaway County Chapter in the purchase of supplies for their workers.

The Plan is This:

The Red Cross today placed on sale at every bank in Nodaway County, RED CROSS CHRISTMAS CARDS, a plain type reproduction of which is shown below.

To the *Nodaway County* Chapter
I enclose *$1.00* as a donation to the
American Red Cross
in the name of
Name of *JAMES SMITH*
Address *Maryville, Missouri*
To whom please send the attached card, signed by the
Giver *JOHN DOE*

My Christmas Remembrance To You

Name *JAMES SMITH*
Is a Contribution to the
AMERICAN RED CROSS

which I have made in your name. I felt sure in this time of great need it would be your wish that this money be expended by our Red Cross for the relief of suffering humanity.

"Let us keep Christmas this year by keeping up our Red Cross."

Signed *John Doe* ..... Chapter Sec'y

You go to your bank, hand them one dollar as a donation to Nodaway County Chapter, fill out a card as shown by the script letters above, the bank then sends the whole card to Secretary of the Chapter, who signs it, and on reverse side places address of person you have named, stamps it and mails it to the recipient, so he gets it at Christmas.

Thus you have reminded your friend that you are thinking of him, and both he and yourself will feel that the money in the hands of the Red Cross, is the best exemplification of the Christmas spirit in these war times.

Do not confuse this plan with membership, or the Christmas Membership Drive; it is entirely separate, and a donation in the name of your friend.

F. P. ROBINSON,
Secretary Nodaway County Chapter.

The Packers Market Co.

We Have Demonstrated

the fact that by selling for strictly cash and no delivery we can save you money. Economize, that's the by-word of today. We help you to economize. Volume of business is what we are after. WE ARE HERE TO STAY — REMEMBER THAT!

Choice cut steaks, lb 17½c
Neck bones, lb.....10c
Spare ribs, lb.....22½c
Fancy rolled roasts, on bone, lb 22c
10lb pail pure lard..$3.00
No 10 pail compound $2.50
Pork melts, lb.....7½c
Fresh pork brains, lb..15c
Boiling beef, while it lasts lb 12½c
Lamb stew, lb.....16½c
Lamb roasts, lb....17½c
Pork chops, rib or loin, lb 30c
Breakfast ling pork sausage, lb 25c
Smoked bloaters, 4 for 25c
Veal stew, lb.....16c
Veal chops, lb.....20c
Select oysters, pint...40c
Smoked Kenpered salmon, lb 35c
Smoked boneless herring, strip, lb 30c
New kraut, quart.....10c
Fancy Creamery butter, lb 45c
Cooking oleomargarine, lb 25c
High grade oleo, lb...30c
Salt pork, as good as made, lb 22c
No. 1 smoked hams, lb 27½c
Veal roasts, lb.....17½c
Met Wurst, a high grade sausage, lb 30c
Condensed chili, lb..27½c
Fresh beef tongues, lb 22½c
Pork tenderloin, lb...40c
Pig's feet, dozen.....40c
Polish sausage, lb..22½c
Sliced boiled ham, lb..45c
Fresh home made pork sausage, lb 25c

War-Savings Stamps

What They Are and Why You Should Buy Them

Q. I want to begin to save on the War Savings Plan. What is the first thing to do?

A. Take $4.12 to the postoffice or a bank or any other agent, buy a War Savings Stamp and ask for a War Savings Certificate.

Q. What is a War Savings Certificate?

A. It is a pocket-sized folder containing twenty spaces upon which to affix War Savings Stamps.

Q. Is the War Savings Certificate a government obligation?

A. It becomes an obligation as soon as one or more stamps are affixed to it.

Q. Can I get a War Savings Certificate without buying a Stamp?

A. No.

Q. Does the War Savings Certificate cost anything?

A. No. The agent from whom you purchase the stamps will write your name and address on the certificate and will furnish you an envelope in which to keep it.

Q. What do I do after that?

A. Affix the War Savings Stamp on your certificate in space No. 1 and take good care of it..

Q. What do I do next?

A. You have now become a war saver. Continue to buy War Savings Stamps every week or month and put them on your certificate until you have filled all of the twenty spaces. When this is done you can buy another War Savings Stamp, and you will receive free of cost another certificate to which you can attach new stamps as you buy them.

Q.. When I have filled the twenty spaces on my certificate what do I do with it?

A. Keep the certificate until January 1, 1923, and the government will pay you $100 for it.

Q. How many War Savings Certificates can I fill?

A.. Ten. The law allows each person to own $1,000 worth of War Savings Certificates.

Q. What is the largest quantity that I can purchase at any one time?

A.. $100 worth, or twenty stamps.

THE NEW DRAFT LAW

ALL REGISTRANTS MUST BE EXAMINED AGAIN

MEN EXEMPT INCLUDED

The New System Seeks to Lessen the Difficulty in Handling Claims of Married Men

Jefferson City, Dec. 14.—Missouri local and district draft boards are putting their offices in order for the work of classification under the new draft rules which will start Sunday.

The new system seeks to lessen the difficulty in handling the claims of married men. On Saturday all cases for exemption under the old system will be closed forthwith and all government appeals to the district boards will be stopped. Excepting those now in cantonments, every registrant, whether exempted or not, must be examined again.

Not all married men with children will escape the draft under the new system. Three classes of married men are grouped in class one, the first to be called; two are grouped in class two, and one class is put in class four.

The registrant in answering the questionnaire is required to state the amount of property he owns, the amount of his income, the amount of income his wife receives from other sources, and also the amount of income he thinks necessary to support his wife and children. From the answers thus given the board will determins whether the registrant belongs in class one, two or four.

Married men who are placed in class four, "the exemption class," by the ward board are those whose wives and children are mainly dependent upon them for support and who would suffer privations, even though they received the $20 a month soldier income from their husbands.

MAIL YOUR GIFTS EARLY

The War Has Made Transportation Conditions Uncertain and Postal Service Feels the Results

Packages for soldiers should be started before December 15 if you expect them to arrive by Christmas. Christmas parcels for distant points should be mailed as early as possible. Packages for nearby sections should be mailed by December 18 to insure delivery by Christmas.

Some suggestions of the postal department are:

Pack carefully, even at a few cents extra postage; it will avoid damage and loss.

Do not seal parcels or affix stamps over a string. Sealed parcels are subject to letter rates.

Use no stamps other than for postage and insurance, or for war revenue. Fancy stamps may cause parcels to be withheld from delivery.

No written inscriptions other than "Christmas or New Year's Greetings" are permissible in parcel post mail.

Mail parcels early. They may be marked "Do Not Open Until Christmas."

License K. C. Coal Dealers.

Kansas City. Dec. 14.—The Federal Fuel Committee here has just licensed all coal dealers. This additional regulation was said to have been made necessary by the few dealers who failed to observe the committee's price order and have been defrauding customers.

Mrs. Robert Smith of Quitman, who has been quite sick at St. Francis hospital, is reported improving.

Good King Wenceslas

A Christmas Carol of Long Ago

GOOD King Wenceslas looked out
On the feast of Stephen,
And the snow lay round about,
Deep and crisp and even.

Brightly shone the moon that night,
Though the frost was cruel;
When a poor man came in sight
Gath'ring winter fuel.

First Singer:
"Hither, page, come stand by me,
If thou know'st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?"

Second Singer:
"Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Down beneath the mountain,
Close against the forest fence
By St. Agnes' fountain."

First Singer:
"Bring me flesh and bring me wine,
Bring me pine logs hither;
Thou and I, we'll see him dine
When we bear them thither."

Second Singer:
"Sire, the night is darker now,
And the storm grows wilder,
Fails my heart, I know not how
I can go on longer."

First Singer:
"Mark my steps, be brave, my page;
Tread thou in them boldly;
Then thou'lt find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly."

Page and monarch on they went,
On they went together.
Through the rude wind's wild lament,
Through the bitter weather.

In his master's steps he trod,
Where the snow lay dinted;
That was in the very sod
Which his foot had printed.

Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now do bless the poor
Shall yourselves find blessing.

One Historic Christmastide.

The crusades had a wonderful influence upon the literary taste as well as the national manners and festivities of Christmastide.

It was at the Christmas festival of 1214 that the barons demanded from King John the document which as the foundation of English liberties is known by the name of Magna Charta. John's tyranny had become intolerable, and the hopes of the people hung on the fortunes of the French campaign, in which he was then engaged. After his defeat and return to England the barons met secretly and swore to demand the restoration of their liberties by charter under the king's seal. Having agreed to assemble for this purpose at Christmas, they separated. On the feast of the Epiphany the barons asked of the king his confirmation of the laws of Edward the Confessor and Henry I. John met the barons with an absolute refusal, but, finding them firm, pleaded for time to consider. This was granted, and in 1215, knowing it to be inevitable, he called the barons to Runymede and there signed the great charter.

Christmas Song

NOW is the time when holly sprays
Light all the barren, brooding ways,
And every bell, it sounds noel,
A pacan in the Master's praise.

Now is the time when ivies gleam
Like beryl in the morning beam,
And every bell, it sounds noel,
And makes the Master's praise its theme.

Now is the time when mistletoe
Is glossy in the noonday glow,
And every bell, it sounds noel,
To praise upon his name bestow.

Now is the time of ingle mirth,
The blessed day of Christ—his birth,
And every bell, it sounds noel,
To ring his praise throughout the earth.

—Clinton Scollard in Ainslee's.

Society and Clubland

BY MISS LUTA MOODY
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Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Have Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Nicholas entertained Mr. and Mrs. Will Edmonds of Burlington Junction at 6 o'clock dinner last night.

Held Business Meeting.

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Methodist church held their regular business meeting yesterday afternoon at the church. Only about twelve members attended the meeting.

Elect Officers Tomorrow.

The W. R. C. will hold their regular meeting at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. As officers for the coming year will be elected, all members are requested to be present at this meeting.

Playlet at Christian Church.

The members of the Berean class of the Christian church will give a playlet tonight at the church, the proceeds to go to the relief of the Armenian and Syrian sufferers. A small admission will be charged.

Will Meet Tomorrow.

The Mission Circle of the Christian church will meet at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ed Egley on North Main street. Mrs. George Stafford and Mrs. L. R. Zahm will be assistant hostesses.

6 O'clock Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wright Gray entertained at 6 o'clock dinner last night. Covers were laid for: Mr. and Mrs. James B. Robinson and sons, Theodore, James and Chilton, and the host and hostess.

Baptist Bazaar.

The dinner and bazaar given by the Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church proved a great success. About 175 persons were fed and more than $175 was cleared on both the dinner and bazaar. The church parlors were prettily decorated with red, white and blue and victrola music was furnished during the day.

Work for Orphans.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church held an all day's meeting Wednesday, December 12 at the church. The day was spent sewing, tacking comforts and packing boxes for the French war orphans and for the Orphan's Home in St. Louis. The Aid Society will meet again next Wednesday afternoon and finish packing the boxes which will be sent to St. Louis. All the members are requested to bring cookies with them, to put in the boxes.

Mrs. Nielsen Hostess.

Mrs. John Nielsen entertained the members of the Mother's and Daughters Utility Club at 12 o'clock dinner Wednesday, December 12. The day was spent knitting and snipping. After the business session a short program was given. Kipling's "Truce of the Bear," was given by Mrs. James Clayton, and comments by Mrs. Carl McArthur. Mrs. Delbert Hyde gave a poem and Mrs. John Nielsen gave a reading in the Danish language. Mrs. Dora Otis Mitchell told of the Red Cross work in New York City as she saw it. At the business session it was decided that no more all day meetings would be held and that refreshments should not be served at any meeting. Those present were: Mrs. Delbert Hyde, Mrs. George McArthur, Mrs. Carl McArthur, Mrs. James Clayton, Mrs. John Godsey, Mrs. J. N. Otis, Mrs. F. C. Van Velsen, Mrs. Charles Coleman, Mrs. John Nielsen, Iva Nielsen and Mrs. Dora Otis Mitchell.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 9, at the home of Mrs. Charles Coleman.

Called to Aviation Camp.

Prof. McClintock received notice Wednesday morning to report at once at Urbana, Illinois. He left that afternoon for St. Joseph and from there will leave for Urbana, at which place he has to report Friday. He has been expecting to be called at any time ever since he came back from Kansas City the first of last week. The time was so short that he did not have time to go to his home at Fairfax to bid his parents goodbye.

All the high school scholars accompanied him to the depot to see him off. —Clearmont News.

Returns From Visit.

D. S. Angell returned last night from a four weeks' visit in Kansas City, Oklahoma and Southern Kansas. In Kansas City Mr. Angell visited his son, Dr. D. D. Miller and Dr. Alderman and family; at Afton, Okla., he visited a daughter, Mrs. J. F. Bell, and in southern Kansas Mr. Angell visited three sons and a daughter.

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FURS! FURS!!

We have on display very extensive assortments of fur coats, fur sets, muffs and scarfs from some of the leading fur manufacturers of America. They have been sent to us for this week's special sale and must be returned tomorrow night. If you appreciate choosing from the latest and best fur creations of the season you should not fail to see this showing.

Fox, Mink, Marmot, Lynx, Muskrat, Coney, Opossum and various other furs are in the collection and all are priced very moderately.

—Ready to Wear Department

BLOUSES

A nice blouse makes a very acceptable gift and we have the kind that will please all.

We have a beautiful assortment of Crepe de Chine, and Georgette Crepe Blouses, some with high collars, others with low collar effects, flesh, white, black, taupe, gray, navy and green. Priced at.....$6.75 to $12.50

One special lot of silk crepe, messaline and taffeta blouses, white, flesh, assorted dark colors and fancy effects, new styles, now on sale at...$3.98

—Ready to Wear Department

HUGH-ME-TIGHTS

Those hug-me-tight jackets for women that are so popular this season, are very appropriate for gifts. Knitted and crochet, white, gray, red, blue, rose, lavender and combined effects, each.....$1.50 to $5.00

—Ready to Wear Department

BATH ROBE BLANKETS

Large bath robe blankets, containing sufficient material, cords, frogs and trimmings for completing the garment. If you wish to add a personal touch to your gift, buy one of these blankets and make a robe. Priced at....$3.75

—East Aisle

BATH SLIPPERS

Turkish bath toe slippers, pink, blue and lavender, each.....39c

—Shoe Department

BATH ROBES

Who would not like a bath robe for a gift? We are now showing bath robes for men, women and children at....$2.50, $5.00 and $6.50

—Ready to Wear Department

KIMONOS

Most any woman would appreciate a Kimono for Christmas. Our stock comprises various effects in flannelette, crepe and silk at each.....$1.00 to $7.50

—Ready to Wear Department

GIVE SWEATERS

A sweater will be very acceptable this cold weather and would be appreciated for a long time. We have a large assortment to choose from in white and various colors, the very newest effects.

Women's and Misses' Sweaters, at.....$5.00 to $12.00

Children's Sweaters at $1.50 to $4.50

—Ready to Wear Department

SCARF AND CAP SETS

This cold weather demands warm headwear and to meet this demand we have collected the scarf and cap sets in various colors — priced at the set...$1.50 to $3.50

Separate Caps, at each 50c to $1.25

Hand made Crochet Tams with fancy ornaments, at.....$3.50

—Millinery Department

NERVOUSNESS AND BLUES

Symptoms of More Serious Sickness.

Washington Park, Ill.—"I am the mother of four children and have suffered with female trouble, backache, nervous spells and the blues. My children's loud talking and romping would make me so nervous I could just tear everything to pieces and I would ache all over and feel so sick that I would not want anyone to talk to me at times. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills restored me to health and I want to thank you for the good they have done me. I have had quite a bit of trouble and worry but it does not affect my youthful looks. My friends say 'Why do you look so young and well?' I owe it all to the Lydia E. Pinkham remedies."—Mrs. Robt. Stopiel, Sage Avenue, Washington Park, Illinois.

If you have any symptom about which you would like to know write to the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., for helpful advice given free of charge.

OLD LOOKS

(By Dr. N. B. Cook.)

Persons suffering from too much uric acid in the system frequently look older than they should. They age faster and the appearance of gray hair or baldhead in early years is, indeed, often a sign of uric acid. The face appears lean and haggard, lines and wrinkles appearing in young men or women.

The best way to combat this premature age and the obstruction to the arteries and faulty circulation is of the simplest. Drink copiously of pure water between meals. Obtain at any drug store a small package of Anuric which is to be taken before meals, in order to expel the uric acid from the system. The painful effects of backache, lumbago, rheumatism, gout, due to uric acid in the blood should quickly disappear after treatment with Anuric.

WELL KNOWN WOMAN

Kansas City, Mo.—"Dr. Pierce's 'Favorite Prescription' is an exceptionally wonderful tonic for the prospective mother as I know by actual personal experience. Four of my children were 'Pierce' babies and they were stronger and healthier than my first babies (before I knew of 'Favorite Prescription.')

"My husband always praised the 'Golden Medical Discovery.' He overstrained at his work and was in constant pain and distress. He could neither lie down nor get up by himself. After he started to take the 'Discovery' he improved greatly and in less than two months was perfectly well and strong again."—Mrs. Carrie Ireland, 2128 Bellefontaine Ave.

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ALL WRONG ABOUT MONKEYS

While Seeming to Hunt Fleas They Are Looking for Salt

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Some of our theories about monkeys are all wrong, according to Darwin, modern naturalist, who lives on the Island of Guam.

That monkeys are not searching for fleas when examining the fur of another, but are in quest of little masses of salt-tasting solution that exudes from the pores of the skin, is the opinion of Sergeant Robert L. Darwin, a retired member of the U. S. Marine Corps, who is the owner of a monkey ranch on the Pacific island.

Darwin does not suggest the raising of monkeys to relieve the salt scarcity, neither does he claim relationship with the author of "Origin of Species."

Editor Makes the Weight.

Clayton, Mo., Dec. 14.—E. J. Melton was turned down by naval recruiting officers because of underweight.

He cornered the supply of eggs, butter, cream, milk, rice and other fattening foods and in five days took on the necessary five pounds. He was accepted.

He was editor of the Clayton Argus.

Mr. and Mrs. Mart Adams of near Wilcox entertained at dinner Sunday for the following guests: Miss Lora Buzzard of Oxford, Kans., Miss Edna Meyers, and Joe and Glenn Adams.

"SERVANT" AN ABUSED WORD

President of United States, Heads of Banks, Ministers, Physicians, Are in Same Class.

It is a pity that we have allowed opprobrium to attach to the good old word "servant," opprobrium utterly unmerited. Talk about "help," or the latest equivalent, "maid," used quite inappropriately, says the Youth's Companion, does not alter circumstances in the least, nor is there any reason why we should wish them altered.

Every one who is worth anything is a servant. The merchant serves his customers. If he serves them not well, they discharge him. The lawyer serves his clients, the minister his parishioners, the doctor his patients. The president of a bank is a servant, and so is the president of a railway. The president of the United States is the hired servant of the people of the United States, and few servants in any occupation are more abused by their masters.

Service, well and faithfully performed, is the only real dignity, and all the outward pomp and insignia of rank are but badges of service, and disgraceful if they are not earned.

Service is life. It is only when we are doing something to serve the large movement of the world what we are entitled to live in it, that we really do live in it. Life is measured by usefulness. Of all the varied affliction that swift-footed age can bring, none is more oppressive than the sense of diminished capacity for service.

Not to be ministered unto, but to minister, not to be served, but to serve, is the utterance of the highest authority in spiritual matters. There is but one disgrace connected with service of any kind, and that is to serve ill. Let us perform whatever service falls to us, large or small, high or low, with all the zeal and all the strength that is in us. Then we shall be sure that when we depart we shall be missed, if only a little; and there is no more solid satisfaction in the world than that.

YOUNG MAN TWICE MISTAKEN

Addressed as Salesman in Hat Store and Given a Dollar Bill as Tip at Restaurant.

"I forgot to have my initials put in a new hat that I bought last week," said Mr. Blinkington, "and so passing that way today, I stopped in at the store.

"A little back from the door I saw a tall, straight, trimly attired young man standing there, hatless, looking toward the front, and to him I said, at the same time holding out my hat:

"'Will you please put my initials in this hat?'

"'Well, I'd be glad to do that for you,' the tall young man said, 'but I am waiting here to have the initials put in my own hat.' And he said this smiling, and with absolute good humor.

"Then I found a salesman who took my hat; and when I ventured to express to the tall young man my regret over having made such a mistake in first addressing him he said it was all right, and told a little story of a somewhat similar experience that had once befallen him.

"One night last winter while he was waiting in a restaurant for a friend who was to join him there, being in dress clothes at the time and standing at the moment near the door, a guest in passing out thrust something into his hand. He didn't look at this, but tucked it in his pocket. A little later when it occurred to him that somebody had handed him something he fished it out of his pocket to see what it was. It was a dollar bill."

Brazilians Are Courteous.

Brazilians are among the most suavely courteous and considerate people in the world. Etiquette is a matter of great formality. Acquaintances raise their hats to one another in passing, no matter how often they may meet in the course of a day. A crowded street car is full of murmured apologies from those getting on and off. The Brazilians pride themselves on having inherited the finest traditions of manners and artistic feeling from the Latin nations of southern Europe. Courteous, temperamental and courageous, the typical Brazilian is quick to resent any encroachment on his rights and slow to abandon the right to maintain them.

Old Illustrated Book.

One of the oldest illustrated books is an edition of "Aesop's Fables," published about 1471. It has initial letters of great interest, and upward of 160 very curious wood cuts. The copies which have survived the centuries are bound in thick oak boards, covered with stamped leather. There was a book published in Florence only five years after the Aesop which had three copper-plate engravings, and one of the most remarkable features of the early illustrated works is the grace and excellent fancy of their tail-pieces and type, and the fresh look which the ink has.

Much Oil-Bearing Country.

Nearly 30 per cent of continental Canada is still undiscovered, and if Indian reports are to be believed, notes a correspondent, there is in the basin of the Mackenzie river one of the largest areas of possible oil-bearing country on the face of the earth. The Indians report the existence of lakes a hundred miles and over long in Yukon that no white man has ever seen, while even the Indians themselves apparently know nothing of the as yet untrodden Mackenzie mountains.

OLD GENERALS WHO ARE MAKING THINGS HUM AT THE FRONT

Her Santa Claus Letter

She wrote a note to Santa Claus,
The queerest note that ever was;
'Twas naught but scrawls and dots and rings;
But, oh, it meant so many things!
For little girls, strange to believe,
Want many things on Christmas eve.

She asked for dolls all dressed in blue,
And red and pink and purple, too;
She asked for dogs and cats and toys,
And instruments that make a noise;
She asked for candies, cakes and things
And popcorn strung in lengthy strings.

She sent her note to Santa Claus,
The queerest note that ever was.
Her papa mailed it early so
'Twould surely off to Santa go.
'Twas naught but scrawls and dots and rings;
But, oh, it meant so many things!
—*Joe Cone in Woman's Home Companion.*

Missouri River Frozen Over.

Jefferson City, Dec. 14.—The Missouri river is frozen over between this city and Callaway county for the first time in more than twenty years. So far no one has ventured to cross the treacherous stream.

Hopkins Boy Wins Promotion.

L. V. Lewis of Hopkins, now with Pershing's forces in France, in a letter to his parents, announces his promotion to a first lieutenancy in the 16th Infantry, and expects a captainship within a few months. His promotion dates from August 5. Lewis has purchased a $500 Liberty bond and taken out $10,000 insurance.

Have "Snipping" Classes.

The little folks of Burlington Junction are "doing their bit", too, in Red Cross work. Once each week they have "snipping" bees. Cloth is cut into very small bits by the children to be used by the surgical dressings class in making pads. Two classes "snipped" Saturday afternoon, and their work helps materially in the making of Red Cross supplies.—Burlington Junction Post.

A CLEAR COMPLEXION

Ruddy Cheeks—Sparkling Eyes —Most Women Can Have

Says Dr. Edwards, a Well-Known Ohio Physician

Dr. F. M. Edwards for 17 years treated scores of women for liver and bowel ailments. During these years he gave to his patients a prescription made of a few well-known vegetable ingredients mixed with olive oil, naming them Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets. You will know them by their olive color.

These tablets are wonder-workers on the liver and bowels, which cause a normal action, carrying off the waste and poisonous matter in one's system.

If you have a pale face, sallow look, dull eyes, pimples, coated tongue, headaches, a listless, no-good feeling, all out of sorts, inactive bowels, you take one of Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets nightly for a time and note the pleasing results.

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Wanted

100 English Gunners, weight 1400 to 1800.
100 U. S. Gunners, weight 1200 to 1400.
100 fat Southerns, the good kind.
100 Mules, 4 to 10 years old.
All war horses must be 5 to 10 years old.

SHOW THEM TO ME—I HAVE NO AGENTS.

Bring them in or phone me.

Hanamo 31
Farmers 161

Jim Andy Ford

Yuletide in The Kitchen

THE cooks shall be busied by day and by night
In roasting and boiling for taste and delight,
Their senses in liquor that's happy they'll steep,
Though they be afforded to have little sleep.
They still are employed for to dress us, in brief,
Plum pudding, goose, capon, minc'd pies and roast beef.

Although the cold weather doth hunger provoke,
'Tis a comfort to see how the chimneys do smoke.
Provision is making for beer, ale and wine
For all that are ready or willing to dine.
Then haste to the kitchen for diet the chief,
Plum pudding, goose, capon, minc'd pies and roast beef.

All travelers as they do pass on their way
At gentlemen's halls are invited to stay,
Themselves to refresh and their horses to rest,
Since that he must be old Christmas' guest.
Nay, the poor shall not want, but have for relief
Plum pudding, goose, capon, minc'd pies and roast beef.
—Evans' Collection of English Ballads.

Santa Claus Is Coming

OLD Santa Claus is coming—
The time is very near—
Before we realize it
Old Santa will be here.

He'll bring us sleds and wagons,
And nuts and sugar plums,
And dolls, and furs, and dresses,
And balls, and swords, and drums.

He'll come when we are sleeping,
Tucked in our beds so white,
And all the stars are peeping
At this, our Christmas night.

He'll come with smiles and blessings
Along the milky way,
And stop at every dwelling
Where little children stay.

He'll garnish trees with presents
And, while the world is still,
With gifts the children asked for
Each stocking he will fill.

But, better than all presents,
He'll bring to us again
The heartfelt Christmas wishes
Of "Good will unto men."
—*Martha Coleman Sherman in Chicago Inter Ocean.*

Underwent Second Operation.

Paul Willson, son of Mr. and Mrs. U. I. Willson, who underwent an operation about ten days ago at a hospital in Chicago, underwent a second operation Tuesday. Mrs. Willson is in Chicago with her son.

Little Mildred Randleman Dead.

Little Mildred Randleman, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Randleman, living southeast of Barnard, died Tuesday morning at four o'clock. The little girl had membraneous croup and took very bad Monday. The funeral was held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at the Platte Valley church.—Barnard Bulletin.

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BRITISH WARM UP TO AMERICAN BLUEJACKETS

Navy Men Ashore at Bases Enjoy Club Privileges When Not Straf-ing the Fritzes.

Of all the American armed forces who have gone abroad, none have received a more cordial welcome from the people of England than the bluejackets. Their society is at a premium in the base towns. There is something about these fine, suntanned, manly, agile young scrappers that appeals to the British public.

Indeed, the navy men are about the most jovial lot one could expect to find. They have their own clubhouses, with baths, gymnasiums, reading rooms, pool tables and cozy corners, and they are always glad to see visitors. Afloat or ashore, life has a zip and a zest to it that the quiet monotony of trench warfare does not give to their less fortunate compatriots now training in France.

On one day they are out in their boats, sweeping the sea for periscopes, picking up crews of ships that have been torpedoed and generally making life as unhappy for the Fritzes as they can. The next they are lolling about their clubrooms with the ease and carefreeness of a lot of young millionaires.

The rivalry between the crews of the various vessels is like that of college boys at home during the football season. It is all a big game to them, with the crews of rival ships as their competitors. Their morale is splendid and they are perhaps enjoying the happiest and jolliest life that actual warfare makes possible.

GOOD FOOD AND PLENTY OF IT FOR U. S. NAVY MEN

Each Ship Carries Ample Larder and Specially Trained Cooks Prepare Meals.

American bluejackets are probably the best-fed seamen in the world. The list of stores for their mess includes bread, salt, smoked meats, canned peas, beans and rice, canned, dried and preserved fruits, tea, coffee and cocoa, condensed and evaporated milk, butter, salt, sugar, pepper, mustard, macaroni, cheese, catsup, French dressings, vinegar, sauerkraut, pickles, molasses, spices, etc.

For Sunday meals the jackie may receive roast beef, bread, squash, coffee, with sugar and condensed milk, butter, tomato catsup, cheese and fruit. On Monday he may receive a ration made up of sugar-cured ham, boiled rice, cocoa with sugar and condensed milk, bread, butter, milk and dried fruit.

To be a cook in the navy, one must be a master of his profession. He not only must be able to cook well, but he must have a scientific knowledge of food values so as to be able to produce both a balanced and a varied ration. He must be continually devising new dishes or new ways to serve old ones. Military experts have long known that, all other things being equal, a well-fed fighting man is a good fighting man, and the navy has especial advantages over other branches of war service in providing wholesome and tempting food.

SHOULD THE ENEMY SHELL NEW YORK CITY

How the Navy Stands Between Us and the Fate of Belgium.

Americans justly felt proud of themselves when they had subscribed for over $4,000,000,000 of the second Liberty Loan bonds, but how many of them stopped to think of how insignificant the sum was in comparison with the damage that a single German super-dreadnaught might do along our Atlantic seaboard?

Such a vessel might anchor eight miles outside of New York harbor and in two hours of shelling might do far more damage than $4,000,000,000 could pay for. It might cruise along the coast from Maine to Mexico and destroy enough property to buy a dozen fleets as powerful as the one America has today.

It might, but it will not, because between our shores and the German bases is the long, thin line of our glorious navy. So long as grim defenders are keeping watch for us, the rest of us go to sleep every night confident of our security.

Nevertheless the menace is always there, and it always will be there until the navy is so much greater than the best Germany can send forth that nobody but a madman would think of trying to break through its cordon of steel.

That navy is calling for 1,200 Missourians to serve it. It needs them, vitally, urgently, immediately. Will they fail? YOU, young, healthy, strong, patriotic Mr. Missourian, YOU must answer the question. It is not a general call to your neighbors but a personal call to YOU. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Albert Monroe of Sidney, Mont., arrived in Maryville Thursday evening to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Angus Monroe. Before returning to his home in Montana, Mr. Monroe will visit in St. Paul.

FALL IN!

By Dudley A. Bragdon

Where are the men of Lincoln's day?
Where are the minute men?
Did their spirit pass when they passed away?
God grant it be born again.

Are your bellies and pockets your only gods?
Has America gone soft?
Do you fear the cup or scorn the cup
Whence the draught of freedom's quaffed?

You wear a flag in your coat lapel
And think you have done your part.
'Tis only a gaud if you stop with that—
Look in—is your flag in your heart?

The stripes of red are the blood you'll shed
For your own, your native land;
The stars—your jewels, money—all
That you'll give with an open hand.

The ground of blue is the sign that you
Look up to the skies where dwell
The hosts that died, with a holy pride,
For the flag that they loved so well.

Wake up! Wake up! Your country calls
For all that you've got to give.
Forget yourself and your greed for pelf—
Give all, that your flag may live.

No man so poor, so young, so old
That he cannot give his bit.
Fall in! Fall in! And forward march!
For the beacon fires are lit.

The call has come, we must answer, here!
Americans—fall in!
And forward march—keep step with those
Who fight that the right may win.

MISSOURI BOYS IN FRANCE

American Forces Transported Were Screened by a Line of Steel.

There are many Missouri boys in France today, taking their place in the great struggle for liberty and freedom. Just how many of them are there the government alone knows, and, for military reasons, the information is not being given out.

But the big fact is that they are there. And it is the navy that took them there. Thousands of men have been transported across the Atlantic, and so well has the navy guarded the transports that carried them that not one man has been killed by enemy guns. Ships have been sunk, of course, and more will be sunk, but the army that Pershing will lead to victory is intact.

The navy has always been the pride of America. It has always been the most efficient navy in the world. This is true because of the particularly high type of men who go to make up its ranks.

Never in the history of the country have the armed forces of the country been called upon to face so gigantic a problem as the one that now faces them. Never, since that summer day in Philadelphia when a little gathering of colonists declared in solemn form that liberty was born into the world and that all men were free, has this country faced such a perilous situation. YOUR country is in danger. YOUR country is facing the greatest crisis in the history of the human race. On the blood-consecrated field of Gettysburg Abraham Lincoln said: "Government of the people, for the people, by the people shall not perish from the earth."

For a century and a quarter America has been the promised land for the down-trodden and the oppressed. Today the young men of America are fighting for the principles that were laid down in the Declaration of Independence, the greatest document ever penned by the hand of man. They are carrying the message of liberty onto the shell-torn fields of Belgium and of France, and to every corner of the seven seas.

Stretching across the Atlantic is a line of steel. Monster battleships, swift cruisers and wasp-like torpedo boats cover the seas and protect American ships and American lives from the machination of undersea pirates. This line of steel is the wall that protects America from invasion; that protects the women and children of America—your women and children—from the fate of the innocents of Belgium. Without those keen-eyed men who stand constantly on watch beside gun and torpedo tube America would be helpless.

YOU know that, of course. But did it ever occur to you that these men in the uniform of the navy are protecting YOUR women and YOUR children? Did it ever occur to you that YOU have a duty to perform? Men are needed for the navy today. YOU are needed. If you are between 18 and 31 there is a place for you in the navy. Every healthy and decent young man in America is wanted. YOU are wanted. Your postmaster knows all about it. Ask him today, and be one of those to answer the country's call.

YOUR NAVY NEEDS YOU NOW.
Ask your postmaster today. He knows.

B. J. AND KING CITY DEBATE

High School Teams in Contest at Burlington Junction

The Burlington Junction High School debating society will debate the King City High School team at the Methodist church at the former place tonight. The subject of the debate will be, "Resolved: That the Federal Government Should Own and Control the Railroads of the United States."

The Burlington Junction society will be represented by Miss Gladys Praiswater and Francis Walton and they have the affirmative side of the subject.

Preceding the debate tonight the following program will be given:

Music by orchestra.
Reading—Lettie Walker..
Duet — Anna Helen Corken and Huldah Barber.
Duet — Etta Trusty and Golda Woods.
Drawings—Illustrating "Old Folks at Home," Mrs. W. C. Settle..

Took Six First Prizes.

C. D. & E. F. Caldwell's show herd of Aberdeen-Angus cattle took six first prizes at the International Live Stock Show held in Chicago last week. Their nearest competitor took four firsts. There were sixteen Angus cattle in the show herd.

Fire at Xenia School House.

The Xenia school house was the scene of excitement yesterday morning about ten o'clock, when the teacher, Miss Velma Frost, discovered that the ceiling was on fire. Help was called and the fire checked before a great deal of damage was done. The ceiling was repaired and school is again in progress.

Clyde Adcock and Ray Zimmerman left last night for Kansas City to enlist in the United States navy.

Few Women of Today Work Blindly

Used to be that daughters adhered strictly to mothers' methods of home *management*. They used certain baking *recipes* simply because they were favorites of former generations.

Times have changed radically. Colleges and clubs have been established for the express purpose of determining just which baking method and baking materials are best.

Many domestic scientists devote their lives to research and experimental work. They are constantly testing food products. They conduct exhaustive comparative tests. They accept and endorse only such methods and baking processes as have been found superior through scientific measurement of merit. These decisions are given wide *publicity*. The result is that the housewife of today produces more wholesome and perfect bakings at less cost than ever before.

I have conducted many experiments and have investigated experiments conducted by scores of other domestic scientists. My own work and the decisions handed down by other pure food *specialists* and domestic scientists—bring out the evidence that the overwhelming majority employ and advocate the use of one special brand of baking powder—which proves once more the old saying that "there is only one *best*.

I know that this baking powder has won its popularity among experts on merit alone. Because I know that they show no partiality. To obtain their approval a product must possess superiority. And that superiority must cover every phase of baking powder quality of material and action. It must be absolutely sure in results—never fail. It must be perfectly pure—leave no harmful residue in the foods. It must produce the best grade of bakings—cakes, biscuits, etc, that are light, tender and tasty. Finally—it must be a baking powder that is economical in both cost and use.

Calumet Baking Powder is the one baking powder that has won the verdict of superiority and the hearty endorsement of expert domestic scientists—who like myself have proved Calumet's superexcellence beyond dispute. This superiority "sanctioned" as it is by eminent domestic science authorities certainly clearly indicates that Calumet gives the housewife the greatest of Baking Powder value.

Maude Marie Costello

NOTE—Miss Costello is already well known to most of the ladies of our city. She is of the Domestic Science Branch of the University of Chicago, a graduate of Lewis Institute, Supervisor of Domestic Science in Public Schools, Special Lecturer on Domestic Arts and Economy, Special Lecturer to the Women's Clubs.

We are publishing a series of her most important articles.

Public Stock Sale

Having a surplus of stock, I will sell at public auction, at my father's farm, located 2 miles east of Skidmore, Mo., and 12 miles southwest of Maryville, Mo., commencing phomptly at 11 a. m., on

Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1917

122———HEAD OF HORSES, CATTLE, HOGS AND SHEEP———122

7 Head of Horses—Consisting of 1 black, coming 8 year old mare with colt by side, weight about 1500 pounds, broke to work; 1 bay, extra good Belgian mare, coming 4 years old, safe in foal to jack and well broke, weight about 1450 pounds; 1 good, coming 2 year old Belgian mare colt; 4 extra good saddle bred colts, consisting of 1 bay, 4 year old mare, 1 bay 3 year old mare, 1 bay 2 year old horse, 1 bay mare, coming 2 years old.

70 Head of Cattle—Consisting of 1 good, 2 year old Hereford bull; 25 extra good, high grade Shorthorn cows that will bring calves in March; 10 head of 2 year old cows and heifers, bred; 35 head of extra good yearling heifers that are bred for May calves. The cattle are all native and most all of them are my own raising. One and one-half carloads are fat enough for market.

35 Head of Good Stock Hogs.

30 Head of Sheep—Consisting of 10 extra good coming 3 year old Shropshire ewes, all bred, black faces. Will offer for sale 20 head of ewe lambs, coming yearlings, Shropshire and black faces, an extra good lot. These sheep are all native stuff.

Terms—Sums of $10 and under, cash. On sums over $10 a credit of 6 or 8 months will be given, purchaser giving bankable note with 8 per cent interest from date of sale. No property to be removed until terms of sale are complied with.

R. P. HOSMER, Auct.
H. W. MONTGOMERY, Clerk.

Frank Goslee

Lunch by Ladies of M. E. Church.

Don't Say These Old Things at Christmas

DEAR me! It's a lucky thing Christmas comes only once a year. I don't know what we'd do if it came oftener.

It isn't so much the value of a present as the spirit in which it is given.

I hang my stockings up just to please the children. I dread telling them there's no Santa Claus. Let some one else do that.

It never seems like Christmas to me unless it snows.

I always try to give sensible gifts—something useful, that will be a reminder all the year.

Money is always such an acceptable present. There isn't one of us who has so much that he can't take a little more.

Don't you pity the poor at this time of the year? I do.

Christmas and New Year's come so close together. It's too bad they could not be separated a little. Two holidays coming right on top of each other that way make it so hard, but then the children enjoy it.

I never know what to give father. It's so hard to think of anything for a man. And my rich friends—they have everything already.—Puck.

Christmas Chimes.

Ring out, ring out, O Christmas bells,
Across the starlit, frosty night!
Proclaim the message of good will,
The story of the Prince of Light.

The centuries roll on and on,
And yet, returning Christmas time
Awakes in each responsive heart
Remembrance of the love sublime.

Then keep the feast with hearty cheer,
The feast of merry Christmastide,
While faith and hope and love, these three,
Within the heart of each abide.
—W. G. Park in Good Housekeeping.

Miss Edna Moore returned last night from a one week's visit with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Galbreth and her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Claire Sundahl.

Fresh Cut Roses—

Carnations, Lilies, Poinsettias, Sweet Peas Stevia, etc.

"SEND FLOWERS," "Send Engelmann's Fresh Cut Flowers

The Engelmann Greenhouses
Phones 17. 1001 So. Main St.

FAR BELOW NORMAL AVERAGE

Very Little Sickness at Camp Doniphan Considering Number of Men in Quarters There

Camp Doniphan, Dec. 14. — The number of men living in each tent in camp will be reduced from nine to five, necessitating 1,500 additional tents, and a detention camp for "contacts" will be established immediately.

This order followed two days' inspection of Camp Doniphan by Major General William C. Gorgas, surgeon general of the army, who, with other army medical officials, is making a tour of inspection of all large cantonments in the country.

There are 241 cases of measles in the hospital, 50 cases of pneumonia, 26 of diptheria, 9 of scarlet fever and 4 of meningitis. This is far below the normal average of sickness in a town the size of Camp Doniphan, army officers say.

Mrs. Eva Fickel, who visited a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Braden, returned to her home Monday.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

Bevo is a great favorite in the Army Canteens, where none but pure, soft drinks may be sold. After drill or march, you are sure to see a long line of hot and dusty-throated soldier boys making a bee line for Bevo. They know that there lies complete satisfaction, full refreshment and pure wholesomeness.

At home or abroad—at work or play—between meals or with meals, you will appreciate what we have done for you in making this triumph in soft drinks.

You will find Bevo at inns, restaurants, groceries, department and drug stores, picnic grounds, baseball parks, soda fountains, dining cars, in the navy, at canteens, at mobilization camps and other places where refreshing beverages are sold.

Bevo—the all-year-'round soft drink

Guard against substitutes. Have the bottle opened in front of you, first seeing that the seal is unbroken and that the crown top bears the Fox. Sold in bottles only, and bottled exclusively by

ANHEUSER-BUSCH, ST. LOUIS

L. G. UPSCHULTE
Dealer MARYVILLE, MO.

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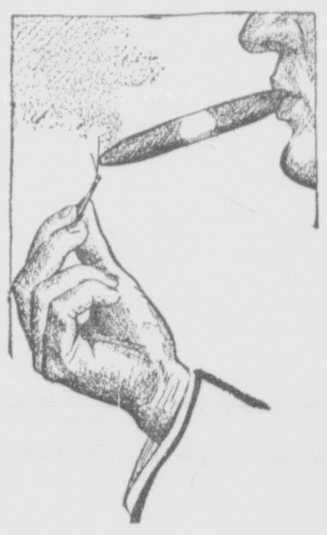
Give Basford's Cigars *for Christmas*

MARTELLUS—
In boxes of 25 specially wrapped for Christmas Gift.

BASFORD'S HAND-MADE—
In tin box of 25 . . . . . $1.50

BASFORD'S PANTELAS—
Per box of 50 . . . . . $2.25

LITTLE MARTELLUS—
50 Cigars in box $2.25



For Sale at All Dealers

162 Head High Grade Holsteins
—at—
Auction, Near Cameron Missouri, on
Monday, December 17th, 1917

On the above date the undersigned will sell the following described Dairy Cattle, 58 head of cows that are fresh now 22 have been fresh two weeks, others have been fresh from 20 to 40 days; 78 head of cows and heifers that are springers and will freshen within 30 to 60 days,20 yearling and 2 year old heifers, all high grade Holsteins, except 10 Guernseys; 6 registered Holstein bulls.

This will be an excellent opportuntiy to secure some real dairy cows at your own price, as nothing will be reserved. Nothing but Pure Bred Bulls have been used, and we consider this the best lot of cattle that have ever offered the buying public. Every animal Tuberculin tested. Sale will be held in our own sale pavilion, and will commence at 10:45 a. m. For further information address either Auctioneers—

Thos. E. Deem
C. M. Nelson

E. L. Ensign or Geo. F. Derby
CAMERON, MO.

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THAT BRING RESULTS

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Classified ads running three days or more will be inserted in this column for one-half cent per word each insertion. No ads taken for less than 25c for three days.

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Count the words; send money with the order. Ads should be in by twelve o'clock to insure insertion in this column same day.

These prices are for cash with order. An extra charge of five cents will be made on all want ads when cash does not accompany the order.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Good list of prime real estate mortgage loans for disposal, in amounts to suit investors. See us for terms. Over Nodaway Valley Bank. The Sisson Loan & Title Co. 21tf

FOR SALE—Three cars choice potatoes, 80c per bushel. Wickham Berry Farm, Salem, Nebr. 10-17*

FOR SALE — One good full blood yearling Duroc Boar. H. H. McClurg, 3 miles southeast of Pickering. 11-17*

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Poland-China boar, eighteen months old, weighing about 300 pounds, in ordinary flesh. Call at noon or in the evening. Farmers 37-20. Donahue, three miles north of K. C. depot. 12-14

FOR SALE — 60 acres 2½ miles south of Arkoe; 2 houses, barn 22x40 hen house, hog house, rock cave, 4 good wells, 400 rods woven wire fence, mile to good approved school; $100 per acre. Terms, $1750 down, balance on time. Martin Logan, Route 3, Barnard. Telephone Arkoe. 12-15

FOR SALE—Ford car, no top, at bargain. Better hurry. Wray's Garage. 13-15

FARMS FOR SALE — At bargain prices. I have for sale a number of choice, well improved farms in Vernon county, the banner county of the state this year. These farms are from 80 acres to 333 acres and are located from one to three miles of the best shipping points in Vernon county. Every farm is a real bargain and the prices are bound to rise soon. Liberal terms. J. L. SCOTT. Farmers Phone 34-0-11. 215 W. Seventh. 13-15*

FOR SALE — Pure bred Barred Rock cockerels, well barred and good bone. Call Mrs. Helen Moore, Ravenwood, Mo. 13-19*

TIMBER FOR SALE—30acres four miles of Barnard, Guilford and Conception. Sold by the acre; land to be cleared for the plow. See T. W. Costello, Conception Junction. 13-18*

FOR SALE — Good Jersey cow fresh in January. Call Farmers phone 188-11. 14-17*

FOR RENT

FOR RENT — Front rooms over South Side bakery, formerly occupied by U. S. Recruiting Station. Inquire of Kate Schenck. Hanamo 683. 30tf.

FOR RENT—7-room modern house except furnace. 421 corner 11th and Walnut. Albena Lornson. 11-17*

FOR RENT — Furnished rooms on lower floor. Call Farmers phone 61 13-15*

MISCELLANEOUS

PLUMBING—We make a specialty of installing modern plumbing in old houses and remodeling old plumbing; estimates free. Standard Plumbing Co., Hanamo 46.

FOR AUTO and Vehicle Painting see J. W. Linneman. Shop 118 South Buchanan St., Maryville. Satisfaction guaranteed. Hanamo 6338. 11-13*

HELP the Y. M. C. A. by giving the High School boys your odd jobs. Call Charlie Bellows. Joe Kemp, chairman Red Triangle Club. 13-15

WANTED

WANTED—Good news correspondent at Burlington Junction, Hopkins, Skidmore, Barnard and Ravenwood. For further information write or call at Democrat-Forum office, Maryville, Mo.

WANTED—Situation, general house work, competent to take full charge if necessary. Inquire 402 E. 7th st. 12-14*

WANTED — 30 mandolin, guitar, mandola, mando-cello and mando-bass players to join amateur orchestra. Alma Nash, Hanamo 10. 12-14*

WANTED — At once, bicycles and parts; also pump or automatic shot gun. Harry Price, Hanamo 115, Farmers 193. 14-17

Mr. and Mrs. Ab Parshal and Mrs Sam Rodman of Quitman were shopping and visiting friends here today.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

Christmas Gifts From The Woods

THE paper birch is an especial treasure, but we never cut the bark from a living tree, even when deep in the woods, unless we know that the wood is doomed to be cut at once. Too many ignorant or thoughtless people do not hesitate to strip the beautiful papery bark from the living tree, not realizing probably that the bark is needed to protect the running of the sap and that the outer bark, so smooth and silvery, will never renew itself. So, even if death does not immediately follow, the beauty of the tree is gone, said Orra Parker Phelps in the Housekeeper.

Once I found a dead tree from which I was able to slip several feet of bark in rings. This only needed to be separated into convenient sizes, fitted with tight bottoms, sewed in place by raffia or sweet grass, and lifting lids attached, to make boxes ready to fill with Christmas sweets.

In making laurel wreathing or garlanding we have found that by taking small twigs and winding one on to another, using light picture wire as binding, the wreathing makes very rapidly and easily.

When the white pine cones fall we gather bushels of them. And such treasures as the cones are! In the open fire they make a glorious blaze—fit background for wonderful fire castles—and as for kindlings they are absolutely unsurpassed.

Remembering that the two little cousins living on the Pacific coast once sent a barrel of the Western cones to a much loved poet, greatly to his delight, we tried sending a sack of cones, gayly decked with laurel, to a city friend who loves an open fire. In the very bottom was a small "chunk" with a paper bearing these words: "N. B.—This is a Yule Log." Another time an armful of the cone bearing branches of the red pine were sent to a friend.

But our especial Christmas gifts, the ones we send to the nearest and dearest, are our little Christmas trees. We take a day and go up to the mountain swamp where grew the cranberries, and there we choose wee, little shapely trees, getting them, so far as we can, from the deep shade of other trees, for these are doomed to an early death anyway. We fit each little spruce securely to a board, covering it with moss and trailing vines. Then we deck the tree. Of course the gifts must be tiny and varied to suit those to whom they go.

This Lad Had a Real Christmas Tree

"THE question of how to meet the needs of the education we wanted our boy to have was with us from his birth, and it was my love of all kinds of trees which solved our problem," said the mother of a growing boy.

"He came near the Christmas season, and I wanted to do something to mark the wonderful event My mind turned to trees. What could be more appropriate than to plant a tree and let this child of nature grow up with mine?

"Then came the thought, 'Why not choose a fruit tree, something that will yield a tangible profit to be laid aside as the beginning of a fund for the boy's education?' And so the plan took shape, and as we live in a warm climate, a fruit tree was planted each year on Christmas day for the little one

"Soon the lad was taking an active part in the ceremony, and by the time the first fruit appeared he was old enough to take a real delight in the proceeds of its sale, which went into his bank A few years more found him in entire charge of a small orchard His ever growing bank account has always been his own, subject to the inspection and advice of his father, who keeps before him the purpose for which it was started"

If you live where the climate prevents tree planting on Christmas day could you not give your son the price of a fruit tree and let it be planted when the proper season arrives?—Philadelphia Ledger

Christmas Mystery Plays.

On their return from the Holy Land the pilgrims and crusaders brought new subjects for theatrical representation, founded on the objects of their devotion and incidents in their wars, and the early mysteries and other plays of Christmas, among them that of St. George and the dragon, which has survived to modern times, probably owe their origin to this period.

LEARNING TO FORGET BEAUTY

Difficult Lesson for Woman, Asserts English Writer, in Describing the Aged Queen Alexandra.

"There is no more difficult lesson for a woman to learn than that of learning how to forget that she has been beautiful," writes a clever English woman.

"One afternoon I saw Queen Alexandra driving slowly in her open motor through the gates at Hyde Park corner. For the first time it occurred to me that this rarely lovely queen is now an old woman nearing four-score years of age. Perhaps she had forgotten to be alert, as is her usual custom, or perhaps the heat of the day had fatigued her. But at any rate there was a touch of tragedy in the thought that Queen Alexandra is learning slowly, but surely, that extreme beauty can fade although the charm of personality can challenge the attack of time.

"I fancy it must have been the queen mother's costume that brought this idea most surely before me. She was wearing a mantle or cloak made of some material in shade of iridescent blue spangles with a close frilling of black lace all round the edge. Her hat or bonnet was of the usual royal shape and built of jetted stuff to match her cloak, with a small white aigrette standing erect in front.

"Under ordinary circumstances one would regard this quaint nineteenth century toilet of the queen mother's as a characteristic conventionality, but somehow on this sunny afternoon it represented to me a sacrifice to the inevitable."

WHY COAT WAS UNBUTTONED

Private, Unable to Speak English, Gives Explanation After His Second Reprimand.

A private of foreign extraction recently appeared at reveille with his overcoat unbuttoned, contrary to regulations, relates a cantonment correspondent. The colonel, who happened to be on the scene, noticed this discrepancy; he called the man out of the ranks, took him to his office and delivered a stern lecture on the necessity of military exactitude. During the admonition the private maintained a dignified silence. When the colonel had finished, he pointed to the door. The man went out.

The following morning he appeared at reveille with his coat again unbuttoned. When the formality was concluded, the captain called him to one side.

"Didn't the colonel tell you to keep your coat buttoned?" he demanded.

The private regarded him blankly.

"I say, didn't the colonel tell you to keep your coat buttoned?"

The man looked at the officer with a puzzled expression.

"Me no spik English," he affirmed mildly.

Camera Lenses Wanted.

The United States signal corps has issued an appeal to the owners of all high-grade cameras. The signal corps needs the lenses of their machines for war work. It is known that the United States bureau of standards has solved the problem of manufacturing high-grade optical glass for aircraft camera lenses, but apparently they cannot be produced in quantity fast enough to equip our fleet of airplanes. The United States has always been a great field for amateur photographers, and there are a large number of high-grade European-made lenses scattered about the country. These lenses the signal corps wants to buy. Long focus lenses working at large apertures are the only kind which can be used.

Eyes Made of Rubber.

Everybody knows that eyes were made to rubber. Very few know that eyes are now being made of rubber. This is one of the million results of the war, notes a correspondent.

Glass eyes are always more or less uncomfortable, and frequently unsightly, and it is interesting, therefore when the deformities of war are so serious a subject of consideration, to learn that two French workers, Mme. Lemaitre and Teuillieres, have evolved an entirely new method of replacing a lost eye. By the use of a combination of a hard and soft rubber substance they have achieved their aim and are producing an eye that looks well and feels well.

Revolution Headquarters.

Of all Boston's early taverns none were of more historic interest and none dispensed greater good cheer than the Green Dragon, which stood until recent years when it had to be torn down in order that the street might be widened. The Green Dragon was called a "nest of treason" by the British because of the way in which the spirit of liberty flourished here and the fact that many meetings held for the purpose of furthering the cause of American independence were held under its roof. Daniel Webster called it the "headquarters of the Revolution."

Flavine as Antiseptic Fails.

Flavine, or acriflavine, which has recently been called the ideal antiseptic for use in wounds, is unequivocally condemned by Lieut. Alexander Fleming of the British Army Medical corps, after a series of experiments with its effect upon his own blood, upon microbes and upon pus. The Lancet publishes his experiments in detail, and his conclusions are that strong solutions of flavine have a more destructive action on the blood than on the microbes, and that weak solutions have no antiseptic effect worth mentioning.

With Dickens At Christmas

He Made Yuletide Real Again

BEFORE the Christmas hearth I muse alone,
And visions of the past, both grave and gay,
Rise from the ruddy coals; outside the moan
Of homeless winds is chidden by the lay
Sweet sung by children who keep holiday,
Making the season's mood their very own.
And slowly, while I gaze and dream and grow
Less lonesome, do the sights and sounds of earth
Fade, and my fancy wanders to and fro
With a great master of lament and mirth,
Who waved his hand to gild the long ago.

A wondrous company! Micawber smiles
In spite of poverty, and Little Nell,
Too frail a flower, travels her weary miles,
Then falls on sleep, and David tries to tell
The trials of the young; now Pickwick's spell
Makes laughter easy; on a pinnacle
Of sacrifice sits Carton midst war's wiles.

Drolls, villains, gentlefolk of all degrees
Make populous the air, a hundred strong.
Last comes, as fits the season, Scrooge, his knees
A-tremble, till he harks the Christmas song
Of love and knows that spite and greed are wrong
And how that charity is more than these.
Master of human hearts! No Christmastide
Whose chants are not the sweeter and whose cheer
Is not more blest since Dickens lived and died!
The savor of his teachings makes each year
Richer in homely virtues, doth endear
Man unto man; hence shall he long abide.

—*Richard Burton.*

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MARKET REPORTS

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

Grain Market Future

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Kansas City, Dec. 14.—CORN—December, $1.27; May, $1.20.

Kansas City Live Stock

Kansas City, Dec. 14.—CATTLE—Receipts, 5,000; no market.

HOGS — Receipts, 10,000; top, $16.85; bulk, $16.30 @ $16.75.

Chicago Live Stock

Chicago, Dec. 14. — CATTLE—Receipts, 7,500; market, weak.

HOGS—Receipts, 46,000; top, $17.05.

St Joseph Live Stock

St. Joseph, Dec. 14.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,000; market, steady.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,800; market, 15 to 25 lower; top, $17.00.

British Improve Positions.

Special to The Democrat-Forum.

London, Dec. 14.—The British improved their positions east of Bellecourt by bomb fighting during the night, General Haig reports today. His statement adds that a few British troops were missing as a result of the enemy operations south of Fronville.

A suit on a note amounting to $224 was filed in the circuit clerk's office today by Emma Lattin against George W. Aley. Cook & Cummins are representing the plaintiff.

Cecil Smith, son of Fred Smith, stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, is on his way home to spend the Christmas holidays. He is expected to arrive tomorrow night.

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18 Head of Cattle—6 cows, all to be fresh early, 2 giving milk now; yearling heifer; 11 spring calves.

46 Head of Hogs—8 sows with pigs; 38 head of stock hogs, if not sold before day of sale.

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